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Miss Jane Durkan

Class Advisor

With sincere appreciation,

we dedicate to you this Sachem.

Class of '53

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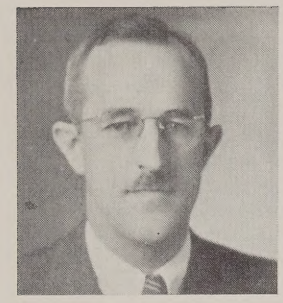
"Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in. I drink at it; but while I drink, I see the sandy bottom and detect how shallow it is. Its thin current slides away, but eternity remains. I would drink deeper; fish in the sky; whose bottom is pebbly with stars."

HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Foreword

We, the class of '53, in composing this edition of the SACHEM, *have endeavored to "turn back the clock" to our first year at Agawam High School and to take you with us on a tour of our four unforgettable and happy years there, showing you us as we saw ourselves growing up — Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors — at work and at play with our classmates, teachers, and friends. We have endeavored to make this edition of the* SACHEM *a synopsis of our activities and accomplishments and a memento of our friends and memories of Agawam High School, to go with the memories we shall always hold in our hearts.*



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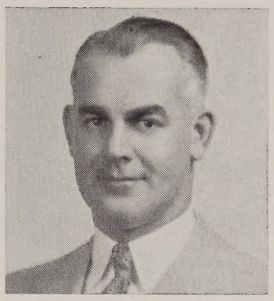
Principal



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Administration

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Commercial Mathematics

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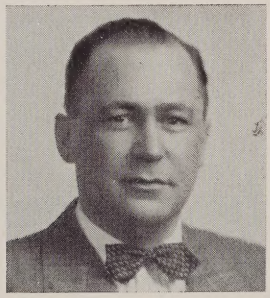

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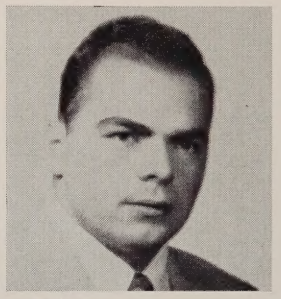
English



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Science

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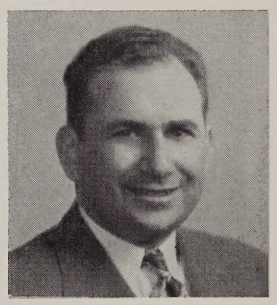

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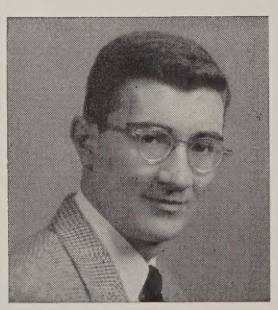

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Social Studies

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Faculty

Mr. Howard Crotty
Band

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English

Miss Jane Durkan
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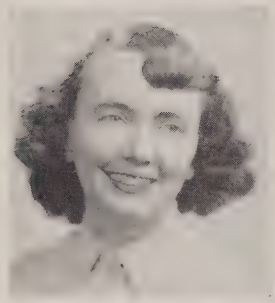

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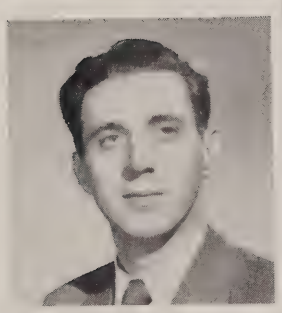

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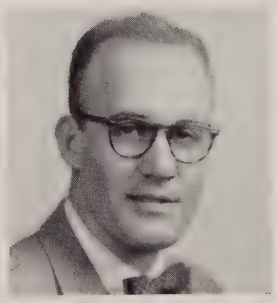

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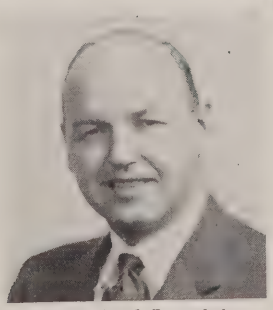
Coach

Miss Marjorie Ward
History



Mr. Paul Langlois
Science

Miss Marion Holton
Commercial Subjects

SENIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

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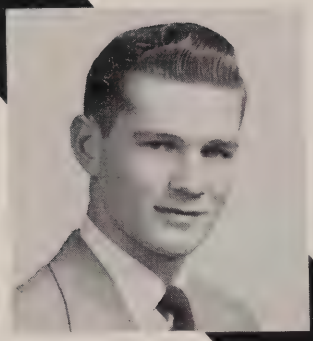
Vice President:	Cynthia Hoye	*Treasurer:*	Daniel Barufaldi



RICHARD HARVEY HALL — 480 Silver Street, Agawam

"He made a thousand friends;
Yes, and he kept them."

Class President 1-2-3-4; Student Council 3-4, Treasurer 3; Library 3-4; Pro Merito; Ski Club 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, *Sachem* Staff; Junior Marshal; Harvard Book Award; Scholastic Athletic Award; Alternate for Good Government Day; Senior Play; Basketball 1-2-3-4, Captain 4; Football 1-2-3-4; Baseball 4.

CYNTHIA HOYE — 54 Barney Street, Agawam

"A friend may well be reckoned the
Masterpiece of nature."

Class Vice-President 4; Personality Club 2-3; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 3-4; Student Council 1; Operetta 2, Glee Club 2-3; Cheerleader 2; Graduation Usher 3; Committees: Chairman, Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom; Kid Party, Cap and Gowns; *Sachem* Staff; Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-2-3; Golf 4.

Class Officers

LUCILLE MARY FERRARINI — 223 Springfield St., North Agawam

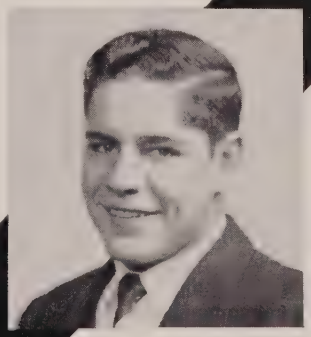
"A wise and understanding heart."

Class Secretary 1-2-3-4; Personality Club 2-3-4, Vice President 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; President 4; *Mirror* Staff 1-2-3-4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor 4; Student Council 4; Pro Merito; Delegate to Eighth Annual Mass. Girls' State 3; American Legion Oratorical Contest 2; Valley Wheel Oratorical Contest 2; Cheerleader 4; Glee Club 3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party; Prom Usher 3; Prophecy; Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-2-3; Maytime Concert 3.

DANIEL J. BARUFALDI — 606 Springfield St., Feeding Hills

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

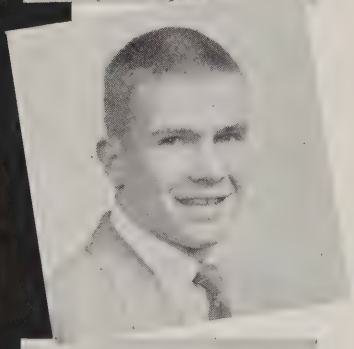
Class Treasurer 4; Personality Club 3-4, Treasurer 4; IRC 4; Biology Club 3-4; President 3; Camera Club 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 1-3-4; Student Council 2-3-4, President 4; Library 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom; Prom Usher, Kid Party; *Sachem* Staff; Governor's Student Host; Good Government Day Representative; Senior Play; Football 2-3-4, Co-Captain 4; Wrestling 2.



JEFFERY STEWART ATWATER — 68 Monroe Street, Agawam

"The poetry of speech."

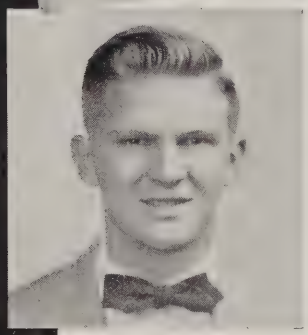
I.R.C. 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Pro Merito; Personality Club 4; Biology Club 3, 4; Ski Club 4; Camera Club 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Operetta 4; Orchestra 1, 2; Class Song; Committees: Senior Play.



RICHARD A. AUGUST, JR. — 65 Federal Street Ext., Agawam

"The eternal feminine draws him on."

Personality Club 3; Ski Club 4; Camera Club, President 3, 4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Orchestra 1, 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Prom Usher, Kid Party, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Reception, Senior Play; Basketball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4.



ROBERT STANLEY AUGUST — 65 Federal Street Ext., Agawam

"Gaily the troubadour touched his guitar."

Student Council 1, 3; Personality Club 3; Biology Club 3; Ski Club 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Cap and Gown, Sachem Staff, Senior Reception, Senior Play; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Football 1, 2.

HENRY BALDARELLI — 67 Maple Street, North Agawam

"It is better to learn late than never."

I. R. C. 2, 3; Committees: Freshman Party.

JOAN A. BARBIERI — 233 Leonard Street, Agawam

"Serene, I fold my hands and wait."

Personality Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Operetta 2, 4; Music Festival; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Committees: Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1, 4; Golf 4.

BEVERLY BEAUCHENE — 635 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills

"I just think that dreams are best."

Personality Club 2, 3, 4; I. R. C. 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1, 2; Majorette 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Music Festival 3; Maytime Concert 3, 4.

MARCIA R. BINNENKADE 194 Meadow Street, Agawam

"Wise to resolve, and patient to perform."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Committees: Cap and Gown, *Sachem* Staff, Graduation Usher, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-3.

IRENE MARIE BOISSONAULT 321 Springfield St., North Agawam

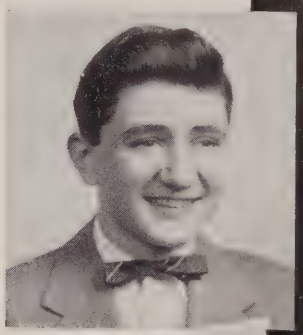
"With virtue and quietness one may conquer the world."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 1-2; Operetta 1-2; Committees: *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play.

BARBARA VIOLET BORGATTI 104 Franklin Street, Feeding Hills

"Life has a value only when it has something valuable for an object."

Pro Merito 4, Secretary; Student Council 4, Vice President 4; Personality 3-4 Vice President 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4, Secretary 4; Library 4; Biology Club; Committees: Freshman Party; Class Gifts, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-2-3.



DANIEL E. BRAYTON 398 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills

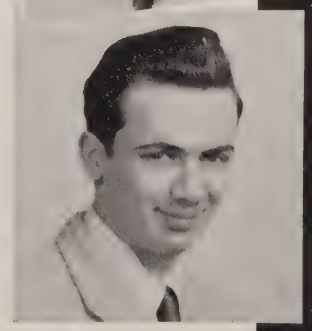
"I believe because it is impossible."

Ski Club 4, Treasurer 4; Biology Club 3-4; Camera Club 3-4; Committees: Class Prophecy; Wrestling 1-2.

JOYCE ANN BRISSETTE 50 Harding Street, North Agawam

"Still to be neat, still to be dressed,
As you were going to a feast."

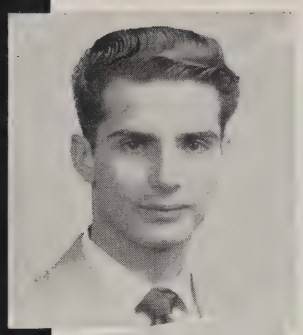
Personality Club 3-4; I. R. C. 3; Committees: Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-4.



RICHARD L. BRISSETTE 445 Main Street, Agawam

"Sport that wrinkled care derides."

Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party; Basketball 1-3-4; Baseball 4.



ROBERT J. BRUNO — 105 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills

"Fine manners need the support of fine manners in others."

Biology Club 3; Audio-Visual Club 3-4; Glee Club 3; Library 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret; *Sachem* Staff; Football 1-2; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Baseball 2-3-4.

LILLIAN A. BRUSSEAU — 309 North Street, North Agawam

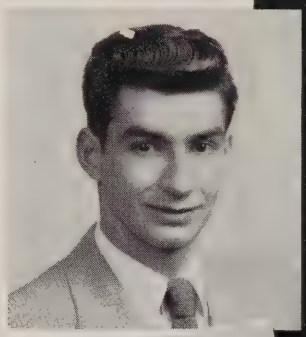
"Poetry, poetry hath its sway."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Ski Club 4; Operetta 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; May Time Concert 3-4; All State Chorus 4; Western Mass. Music Festival 3-4; Senior Play; Class Poem; Girls' Sports 4.

LUCILLE E. BRUSSEAU — 309 North Street, North Agawam

"Good humor is allied to generosity."

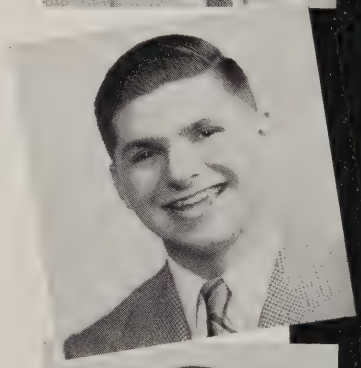
Personality Club 2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; May Time Concert 3-4; Western Mass. Music Festival 3-4; Committees: Senior Play; Girls' Sports 2-4.



RAYMOND G. CARESTIA — 37 Maynard Street, Feeding Hills

"They that ask no questions aren't told a lie."

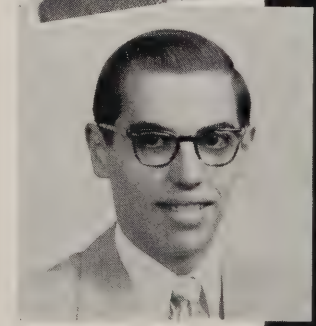
Committees: Freshman Party.



RAYMOND LOUIS CASELLA — 535 Main Street, Agawam

" 'Twas his thinking of others
That made you think of him."

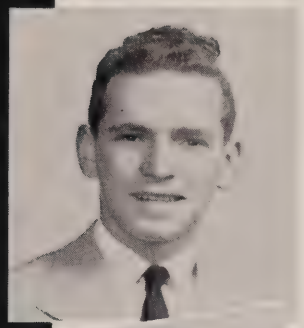
Personality Club 4; I. R. C. 3-4, President 4; Camera Club 3; Operetta 4; Glee Club 3-4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party; Senior Play, *Sachem* Staff.



DAVID R. CASIELLO — 507 Silver Street, Agawam

"Silence is more musical than a song."

Pro Merito; Band 1-2-3-4; Committees: Senior Play.



JAMES E. CHENEY, JR. 63 High Street, North Agawam

"Live while you live."

Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party; Basketball 2-3-4; Baseball 2; Football 2.

SOPHIE CHMAEL 145 James Street, Feeding Hills

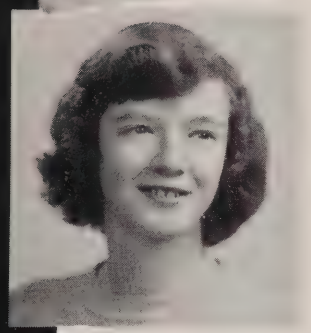
"Work and win."

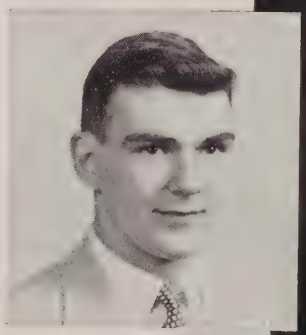
Personality Club 2-3-4; Committees: Senior Play; Girls' Sports 2-3-4.

ELLEN MARIE CLAUS 155 South Street, Agawam

"Whose little body lodg'd a mighty mind."

Pro Merito; Biology Club 3-4; Personality Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-4; Committees: Freshman Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Cap and Gown, Senior Reception, Class Poem; Girls' Sports 1-2-3-4; Golf 4.





ROBERT J. COUTURE 681 River Road, Agawam

"No pleasure endures unseasoned by variety."

Personality Club 2-3; Ski Club 4; Camera Club 2-3-4; *Mirror* Staff 3-4; Operetta 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; Committees: Prom Usher, Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, *Sachem* Staff; Senior Play; Basketball 1-2-3-4; Baseball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4, Co-Captain 4.

CATHERINE J. CREAN 140 Walnut Street, North Agawam

"By the work one knows the workman."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Camera Club 4; *Mirror* Staff 3-4; Operetta, 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4, Vice President 4; Music Festival 1-2-3-4; Maytime Concert 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Senior Play, Class Will; Junior Marshal; Cheerleader 4; Girls' Sports 1-2-3.

JOYCE B. DALIMONT 160 Garden Street, Feeding Hills

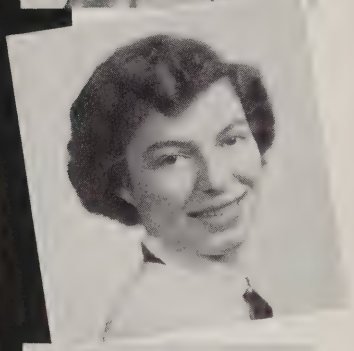
"The confidence which we have in ourselves
Gives birth to much of that which we have in others."

Pro Merito; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 1-2-3-4; Library 3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Senior Reception, Senior Play, Class Gifts.

ADELINE J. DiCARLO — 515 Meadow Street, Agawam

"Good nature and good sense must forever join."

Transferred from Commerce High in 1951.
Personality Club 3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Committees: Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior Play, Senior Reception; Golf 4; Girls' Sports 3-4.



ESTHER S. DIDOMENICANTONIO — 515 Meadow Street, Agawam

"A pretty step is a great gift of nature."

Transferred from Commerce High School in 1951.
Personality Club 3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Red Cross; Committees: Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Reception; Senior Play; Girls Sports 3-4; Golf 4.

BRUCE KING DODD — 976 State Street, Springfield

"I want free life and I want fresh air."

Transferred from Technical High School in 1952.
F. F. A.

MARLYN J. DRAGHETTI — 120 Homer Street, Feeding Hills

"She moves a goddess, and she looks a queen."

Personality Club 1-2, Secretary 3, President 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Ski Club 4, Secretary 4; *Mirror* Staff 2-3-4; Student Council, Vice President 3; Glee Club 2-3; Maytime Concert 3; Operetta 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party; *Sachem* Staff; Senior Reception; Peanut Bowl Queen 3; Cheerleader 4; Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-2-3.

BARBARA A. DRZYZGA — 1477 Main Street, Agawam

"For they can conquer who believe they can."

Transferred from Chicopee High in 1950.
Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4, Chaplain 4; Biology Club 3-4; Committees: Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom; Prom Usher, *Sachem* Staff; Senior Reception, Senior Play; Golf Club 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Girls' Sports 2-3-4.

SHIRLEY J. FERRARANI — 232 Walnut Street, North Agawam

"She is as kind as she is fair
For beauty lives with kindness."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Glee Club 3; Maytime Concert 3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Reception; Cheerleader 4; Girls' Sports 1-2-3.

CATHERINE FRANCES FERRERO 398 Suffield Street, Agawam

"My heart is like a singing bird."

Transferred from Commerce High School in 1952.
Personality Club 4; Biology Club 4; Glee Club 4; Operetta 4; Library 4; Committees: Senior Play; Girls' Sports 4; Golf 4.

RICHARD J. FITZGERALD 151 Suffield Street, Agawam

"Second thoughts, they say, are best."

IRC 3-4, Treasurer 4; Camera Club 3-4, Treasurer 4; Student Council 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Kid Party, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Basketball 1-3; Baseball 1-3-4; Football 1-2; Golf 4.

JAMES D. FOGG 45 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills

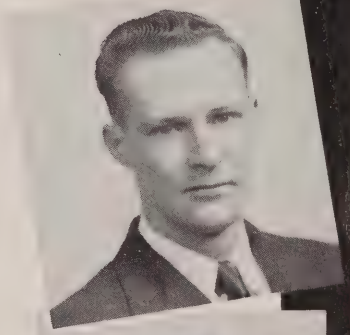
"Genius must be born and never can be taught."

Pro Merito; IRC 4; Biology Club 3-4, Treasurer 3, President 4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Camera Club 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Kid Party, Chairman; Cap and Gown; Class Prophecy; Senior Play; Golf 4.

MERILYN FRISBIE 331 Springfield Street, North Agawam

"All's well that ends well."

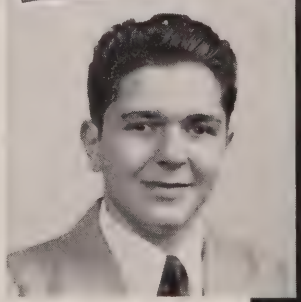
Glee Club 4; Operetta 4.



RICHARD FRISBIE 331 Springfield Street, North Agawam

"Men are only boys grown tall."

Student Council 1; Glee Club 4; Operetta 4; Basketball 1; Wrestling 3.



NICHOLAS J. FUNTOS 205 Leonard Street, Agawam

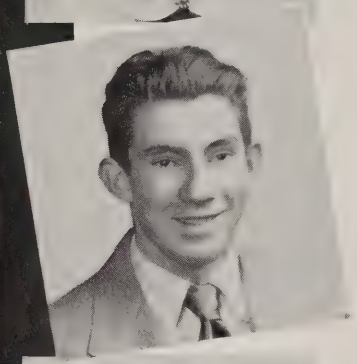
"I never think of the future; it comes soon enough."

Band 1-2-3; Golf 4.

JOYCE ELEANOR GAZAR — 66 Liberty Street, Feeding Hills

"Enjoyment is sharpened by toil."

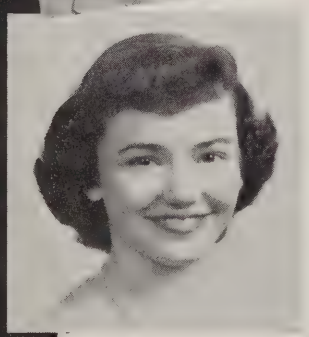
Personality Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Biology Club 3-4, secretary 4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-4; Library 3; *Mirror* Staff 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Junior Cabaret, Class Prophecy; Golf 4.



CHARLES R. GRANGER — 854 North Street, Feeding Hills

"Nature, that is the seal to mortal wax."

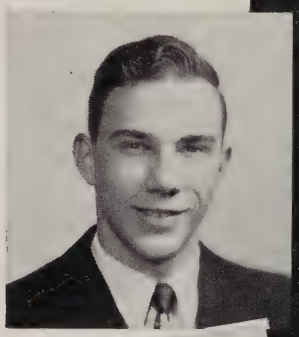
F.F.A.; President 2; Sentinel 3; Bay State Farmer 4; Inter-School Tractor Contest, Member of Winning Team.



JEAN ANN GRAVEL — 34 Portland Street, Feeding Hills

"Give truth, and your gift will be paid in kind."

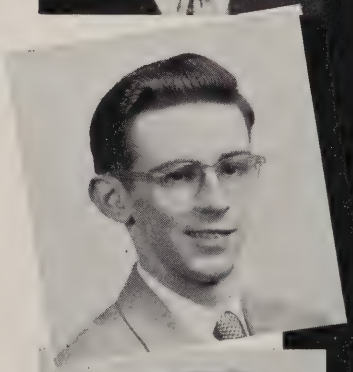
Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Student Council 4; Glee Club 2-3-4; Operetta 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Junior Cabaret, *Sachem* Staff; Girls' Sports 1-2-3.



ROBERT F. HARDINA — 50 Federal Avenue, Agawam

"A well-balanced mind is the best remedy against affliction."

Pro Merito, President 4; Representative at Boys' State 3; Camera Club 3-4; Orchestra 1-2; Operetta 1-2; Band 1-2-3-4; Maytime Concert 1-2; Western Mass. Music Festival 3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Cap and Gown, Class History, Senior Play, Class Song.



FRED W. HARKINS — 103 South Street, Agawam

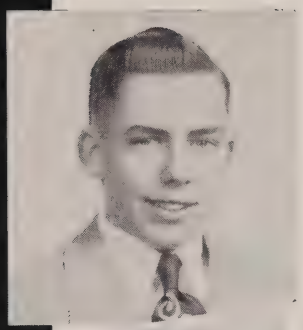
"Quiet and busy hands."

Transferred from Classical High School in 1952; Committees: *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play.

EILEEN E. HASELTINE — 335 School Street, Agawam

"Her voice was ever soft, gentle and low, an excellent thing in a woman."

Personality Club 3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Band 1-2; Majorette 3-4; Western Mass. Music Festival 1-2-3-4; Committees: Freshman Party, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play, Graduation Usher; Girls' Sports 2-3-4.



A. JEAN HEBERT, JR. 1152 Main Street, Agawam

"That is as well said as if I had said it myself."

Camera Club 3-4; Band 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-2; Maytime Concert 1-2; Western Mass. Musical Festival 1-2-3-4; Orchestra 1-2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Prom Usher, Senior Reception, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Golf 4.

JOHN YAEGER HESS 264 Elm Street, Agawam

"A great step towards success is a good humored stomach."

Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, *Sachem* Staff.

MARIAN M. HESS 264 Elm Street, Agawam

"The sweetest garland to the sweetest maid."

Class Treasurer 1; Vice President 2-3; Pro Merito; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 3-4; Orchestra 1; Operetta 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; May Time Concert 1-2-4; Western Mass. Music Festival 1-2-3-4; Cheerleader 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior Play, Class Will; Girls' Sports 1-2-3, Captain 4; Golf Club 4.

CLEMENT B. HOBBS 95 Carr Avenue, Agawam

"There'll be a hot time in the old town tonight."

Scholastic Athletic Award; Glee Club 3-4; Operetta 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior Play; Football 1-2-3-4.

ANITA R. IMELIO 14 Oak Hill Avenue, North Agawam

"There is dignity in toil."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Committees: Freshman Party.

JOAN J. JASMIN 47 King Street, North Agawam

"As merry as the day is long."

Personality 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Biology Club 3; Glee Club 3-4; Operetta 4; Red Cross 4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 2-3-4. Maytime Concert 2-4; Western Mass. Music Festival 3-4.

LOISANN JOHNSON — 62 Elm Street, Agawam

"I have loved my friends as I do my virtue, my soul, my God."

Personality Club 2-3; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Student Council 3; *Mirror* Staff 4; Glee Club 2; Operetta 2; Jr. Red Cross 1-2-3-4; Cheerleader 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Graduation Usher, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-2-3.

EDWARD F. KELLEY — 49 Cooley Street, North Agawam

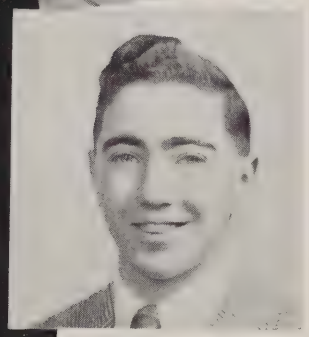
"Curfew must not ring tonight."

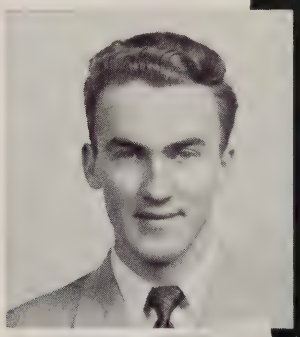
Transferred from Technical High School in 1951.

NEIL H. LAWSON — 38 School Street, Agawam

"A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the wisest men."

Personality Club 4; Biology Club 3; Ski Club 4; Camera Club 3-4; Band 2-3-4; Operetta 1-2; Orchestra 1-2; Music Festival 1-2; Maytime Concert 1-2; *Mirror* Staff 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Junior Cabaret, Class Motto, Senior Play, *Sachem* Staff; Baseball 4; Golf 4.





JOHN H. LIPTAK, JR. — 50 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills

"Carnival! Carnival! Life is laughter."

Audio Visual Aids 3-4; Glee Club 3; Maytime Concert 3; Music Festival 3; Committees: Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret.

GERALDINE LONGEY — 21 Springfield Street, North Agawam

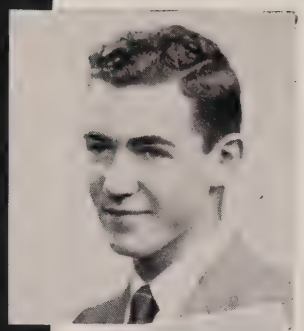
"Busy here and there."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Gluee Club 2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-3; Maytime Concert 2-3; Music Festival 2-3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior-Senior Prom, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Golf 4; Girls' Sports 1-2-3-4, Captain 4.

MARY ELIZABETH LYNCH — 413 North Street, Feeding Hills

"Her dimples so merry."

Transferred from Commerce High in 1952; Biology Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Personality Club 4; Glee Club 4; Operetta 4; Music Festival 4; Committees; Kid Party, *Sachem* Staff, Class Motto, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 4; Golf 4.



DONALD E. LYNDE — 60 School Street, Agawam

"He gain'd from Heav'n
('Twas all he wish'd)
A friend."

Transferred from Tenafly High School, New Jersey in 1951. Committees: Senior Play; Golf 4.

ALAN W. McEWAN — 15 Virginia Street, Agawam

"Practice is the best of all instructors."

Class Treasurer 2-3; Personality Club 4; Ski Club 4, President 4; Camera Club 4; Band 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-2; Orchestra 1-2; New England Music Festival 3; Western Mass. Music Festival 1-2-3-4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Prom Usher, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play.

ROSEMARY A. McMAHON — 29 Central Street, Agawam

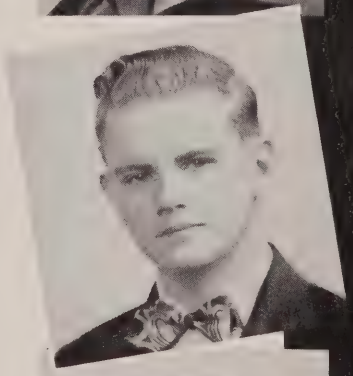
"Endurance is the crowning quality,
And patience, all the passion of great hearts."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Biology Club 3-4; Camera Club 4; Band Band 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-4; Music Festival 1-2-3; Library 4; Committees: *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 2-4.

LOIS ANN MERWIN — 164 Walnut Street, North Agawam

"For even though vanquished, she could argue still."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Operetta 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Orchestra 1-2; Maytime Concert 1-2; Music Festival 1-2-3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 2-3.



RICHARD A. MILLER — 807 Main Street, Agawam

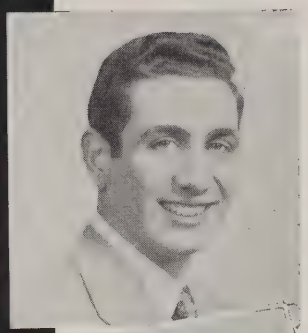
"It is not good that man should be alone."

Transferred from Methuen High School in 1951.

BARBARA J. MILLIKEN — 13 Mooreland Street, Feeding Hills

"Come, sing now, sing, for I know you sing well."

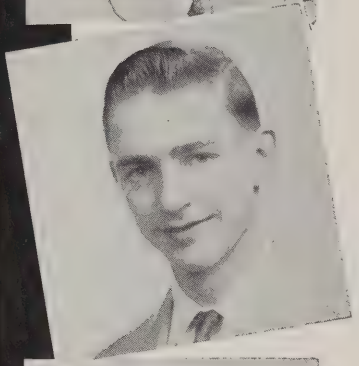
Personality Club 3; Operetta 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Maytime Concert 2-4; All State Chorus 4; Girls' Sports 1-2-4.



JOHN A. MORASSI, JR. 550 Cooper Street, Agawam

"An able man shows his spirit by Gentle words and resolute action."

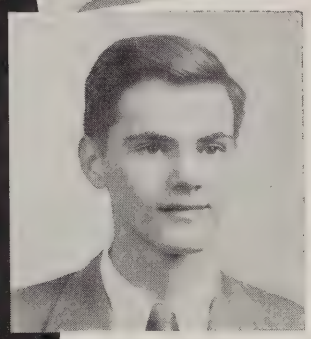
Student Council 1-3-4; Committees; Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Class Hats, Class Will, Senior Play; Basketball 1-2, Assistant Manager 4; Baseball 4, Manager 4; Football 1-3-4.



ROBERT MOULTHROP 96 Hall Street, Feeding Hills

"He travels the fastest who travels alone."

Biology Club 3; Audio-Visual Aids 1-2-3; Wrestling 2.



LOUIS J. MULDREW 77 Edward Street, Agawam

"Ask and learn."

Transferred from Technical High School in 1951; Senior Play; Golf 4; Baseball 4.

MAUREEN I. MURPHY 16 Warren Street, Agawam

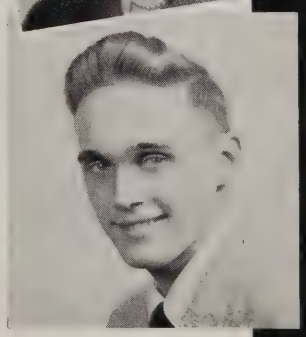
"Full many a flower is born to blush unseen."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Biology 4; Glee Club 1; Operetta 1; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Senior Play, Class Gifts; Girls' Sports 1-2-4; Golf 4.

ANN-SYBIL OBERHEIM 26 North Alhambra Circle, Agawam

"Let all things be done decently and in order."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Operetta 2-4; Red Cross 3-4, President 4; Head Librarian 4; Cheerleader 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Class Hats, Class Prophecy, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1; Golf 4.



CARL A. PALLO 319 Suffield Street, Agawam

"You see him in travail to produce bons mots."

Pro Merito; Camera Club 3; Student Council 4; Operetta 1-2; Band 1-2-3; Orchestra 1-2; Music Festival 1-2-3; Maytime Concert 1-2; Oratorical Contest School Representative 2-3-4; Committees: Class Pictures, Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Kid Party, Class Will; Football 1; Baseball 1-2-4.

ROSEMARIE A. PEDULLA — 327 Meadow Street, Agawam

"I'm very happy where I am."

Personality Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Operetta 2-4; Maytime Concert 3; Music Festival 3; Committee: *Sachem* Staff; Girls' Sports 3-4; Golf 4.

GAIL PEESO — 268 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills

"Sings like a lark."

Ski Club 4; Glee Club 2; Operetta 2; Orchestra 1-2; Maytime Concert 1.

BEVERLY L. PFERSICK — 36 Central Street, Agawam

"Thank God! for that sunny spirit."

Pro Merito; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 2-3-4; Glee Club 2; Operetta 2; Music Festival 2; Cheerleader 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-2-3-4; Golf 4.

PAULINE G. PLACIDO — 64 William Street, Feeding Hills

"A magnificent spectacle of human happiness."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-4; Glee Club 1-4; Library 3; Cheerleader 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-3.

LEO POLANZAK — 346 Springfield Street, N. Agawam

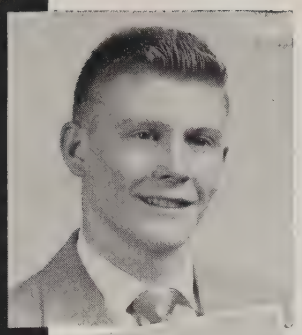
"He knows the precise psychological moment when to say nothing."

Student Council 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Senior Play, *Sachem* Staff; Baseball 3-4; Basketball 2-3-4.

BARBARA PUFFER — 46 Tower Terrace, North Agawam

"She stood as slim, as clear, as cool."

Personality Club 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4; I.R.C. 3; Committees: Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret; Girls' Sports 2.



RICHARD A. RAINBOTH — 66 River Road, Agawam

"A man that blushes is not quite a brute."

Audio-Visual Aids 1; Camera Club 4; Band 1-2; Operetta 1-2; Orchestra 1-2; Western Mass. Music Festival 1-2; Maytime Concert 1-2; Committees: Kid Party; Football 1-2; Wrestling 2.

BETTY JEAN SCHOOLCRAFT — 61 Anthony Street, Agawam

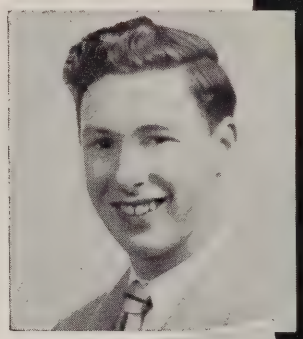
"Every day should be passed as if it were your last."

Pro Merito; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Biology Club 3-4; Treasurer 4; Ski Club 4; Library 4; Committees: Junior Cabaret, Prom Usher, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 2-3.

ANNE MARIE SCOTT — 46 Monroe Street, Agawam

"Neat, not gaudy."

Personality Club 1-2-3; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; IRC 2-3; *Mirror* Staff 2-3; Operetta 1-2-4; Maytime Concert 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Secretary-Librarian 3-4; Western Mass. Music Festival 1-2-3-4; Committees: *Sachem* Staff, Class Motto; Girls' Sports 1-2.



IRVING W. SENESAC, JR. — 21 Edgewater Road, Agawam

"A diller, a dollar, a ten o'clock scholar."

IRC 2-3-4; Audio-Visual Aids 1-2-3; Band 1-2-3-4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Class Will, Senior Play; Basketball Manager 1-2-3-4; Baseball Manager 2.

JANET E. SHIELDS — 129 Elm Street, Agawam

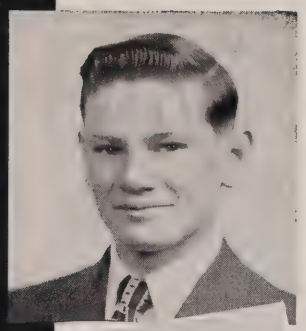
"She wore her halo rakishly."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1; Golf 4.

GERALDINE M. A. SIMPSON — 829 River Road, Agawam

"Friendship doth bind, with pleasant ties."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-4; Maytime Concert 1-2-4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Committee: Junior Cabaret; Girls' Sports 2.



JOSEPH J. SLIECH — 56 North West Street, Feeding Hills

"I have not yet begun to fight."

Student Council 3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Class Gifts, Senior Play; Basketball 3; Baseball 2-3-4; Football 3-4.

STEVEN WILLIAM SLIECH, JR. — 1060 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills

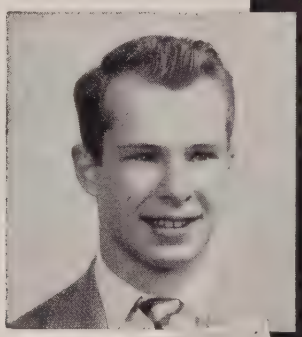
"Good — Bad — Indifferent."

Committee: Junior Cabaret; Football 4.

MARGARET ELIZABETH SNOW — 16 Lealand Avenue, Agawam

"To pity distress is but human; to relieve it is Godlike."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; Biology Club 4; Band 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-4; Library 4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; New England Music Festival 3; Committees: Class History, Senior Play.



DONALD WINSLOW STAHLE — 58 Albert Street, Agawam

"A portly prince and goodly to the sight."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Ski Club 1-4; Camera Club 3-4; Student Council 1-2-3; Operetta 1-2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Prom Usher, Kid Party, Senior Play, Class Gifts; Baseball 4; Football 1-2-3-4; Wrestling 2.

BARBARA ANN STATKUN — 1141 Main Street, Agawam

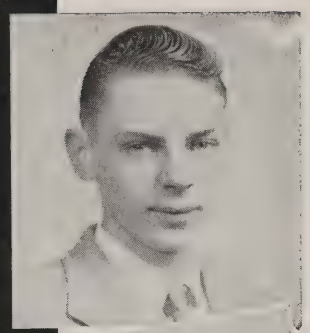
"The reason firm, the temperate will, endurance, foresight, strength and skill."

Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4, Treasurer 4; Biology Club 3-4; IRC 2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Reception, Senior Play; Golf, President 4; Girls' Sports 1-2-3-4, Captain 4.

DOROTHY ARDEN STUART — 46 Washington Avenue, Agawam

"A tender heart, a will inflexible."

Class Vice President 1; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; IRC 4; Camera Club 4; Student Council 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Prom Usher, Class Hats, Senior Reception, Class History, Senior Play; Girls' Sport 1-2-3.



RICHARD R. SULLIVAN — 671 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills

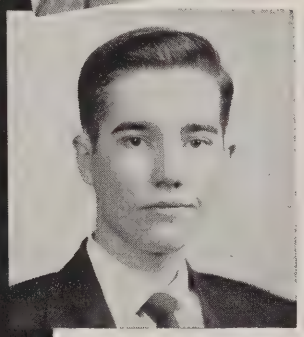
"Strong are the barriers round thy domain."

Audio-Visual Aids 1-2-3; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom.

ANN ELIZABETH TATE — 907 Main Street, Agawam

"Blushing is the color of virtue."

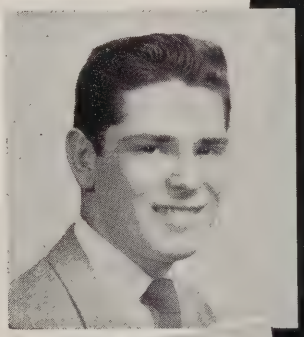
Pro Merito; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; IRC 3-4, Secretary 4; Biology Club 3; *Mirror* Staff 4; Library 4; American Legion Oratorical Contest 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Sachem *Staff,* Senior Play; Girls' Sports 2.



THEODORE TWAROG, JR. — 196 Elm Street, Agawam

"Born with the gift of laughter and a sense that the world is mad."

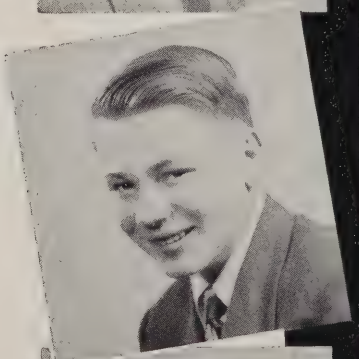
Personality Club 3-4; IRC 4; Biology Club 4; Ski Club 4; Camera Club 2; Operetta 1-2-4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Music Festival 1-2; Maytime Concert 1-2; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Prom Usher, *Sachem* Staff, Senior Reception, Senior Play.



BRUCE TYLER — 46 Charles Street, Agawam

"To see, be seen, to tell, and gather tales."

Camera Club, Vice President 3-4; Committees: Junior-Senior Prom, *Sachem* Staff; Football 1.



JOHN WALKER III — 799 Main Street, Agawam

"I was a stranger, and ye took me in."

Transferred from Technical High School in 1952.
Committee: Sachem Staff.

BEVERLY ANN WHITE — 606 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills

"A smile is a flower blooming fair."

Personality Club 1-2-3; Mirror Staff 1; Operetta 1; Glee Club 1; Committees: *Sachem* Staff, Senior Play, Senior Reception; Girls' Sports 1-2; Golf Club 4.

GERALDINE ANNE WHITE — 72 Homer Street, Feeding Hills

"Friends and schoolmates we have gathered."

Pro Merito; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4; *Mirror* Staff 3-4; Student Council 3; Glee Club 1-2-3-4; Operetta 1-2-4; Maytime Concert 2-3-4; Music Festival 1-2-3-4; Cheer Leader 4; Committees: Freshman Party, Sophomore Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Kid Party, Senior Play, *Sachem* Staff; Girls' Sports 1-2-3-4.

JANET MARY WILLARD — 60 Monroe Street, Agawam

"A willing hand was never wasted."

Pro Merito; Personality Club 2-3-4; Tri-Hi-Y 3-4, Vice President 4; Biology Club 3-4, Vice President 3; Camera Club 4; *Mirror* Staff 4; Operetta Usher 4; D. A. R. Representative; Committees: Freshman Party, Junior Cabaret, Junior-Senior Prom, Prom Usher, Kid Party, Class Hats, Senior Reception, Class Will, Senior Play; Girls' Sports 1-2; Golf 4.

Class Poem

When the doors around us open,
We step forward in the dawn,
And survey the world around us
Like a wobbly legged fawn.

To find a way or make a way
Is the goal before us now.
As we go into the world today,
We'll try to earn renown.

Not all of life is lovely;
There are the sad parts too.
Don't let our life depress you.
You will come struggling through.

The road's not always easy;
The paths are rough, they say.
Our spirits can't be conquered —
We'll find or make a way.

LILLIAN BRUSSEAU
ELLEN CLAUS

JUNIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

President:	Roger LeClerc	*Secretary:*	Donaldine Roos
Vice President:	Lucia Alfano	*Treasurer:*	John Cardone

Will

Since the time has arrived for our departure from this high school life, to play our cards for Success in the world's great game—we, the Class of 1953, do hereby make our first, last, and only will and testament in which we dispose of our high school possessions. We leave and bequeath the following:

TO THE CITIZENS OF AGAWAM: Our warmest thanks and appreciation for your interest and support throughout our school years.
MR. GOODWIN: A special policeman to keep cars from parking beside the side of the building.
MR. DACEY: A patent on the phrase "There's a small minority—"
MR. HARRIS: Two private secretaries from the Class of 1953.
MISS DURKAN: A pair of split-proof ski pants.
MRS. NARDI: A signature that can't be forged.
MISS HOLTON: A plan to manage your household budget as well as you do the high school's.
THE FACULTY: A raise in pay.
JUNIOR CLASS: The strength and stamina to uphold the reputation left by the class of 1953.
SOPHOMORE CLASS: The privilege of being the first class to graduate from the new high school.
FRESHMAN CLASS: The honor of having the best home room teachers.
EIGHTH GRADE: Our sincere hopes that you will have a place to sit in.
SEVENTH GRADE: A ladder to climb up from the bottom of the pile.
ANN ZUCCO: The privilege of having your name read first instead of last.
LUCIA ALFANO: Our choice as Valedictorian of the Class of 1954.
NANCY HALLOCK: Another year to carry on your love life.
BARBARA MAIOLO: A hunk of cheese to catch the "rat."
ANTHONY LIQUORI: The realization that girls don't bite.
JAMES REARDON: A Toni Home Permanent.
BARBARA CAMMISA: A horse to go with your laugh.
HOWARD PARSONS: Another year to walk Arlene home from school.
DONALDINE ROOS: Our choice as "Queen of 54."
DONALD AVERY: A partnership in Jasmin's market.
ADRIENNE GRASSO: A pillow to land on when you come down to earth.
SANDRA RIVERS: Our hopes.
JOHN SPINETTI: The privilege of taking Jeff Atwater's place.
RALPH COUGHLIN: A girl-friend from Agawam so that you don't have to go to Westfield.
CECILY DANFORTH: A leash for—your dog.
SHIRLEY MAGAGNOLI: A chance to take Marilyn Monroe's place.
ROBERT ANDERSON: A pogo-stick so you can get off your feet in a basketball game.

ANNETTE GIRARD: Agawam's answer to Artie Shaw.
FRANK LIBERATORE: A landscaping business of your own.
VIRGINIA PISANO: A job at DiDonato's.
JUDITH SLATE: A left-handed bat to knock some more home runs in Gym class.
LOIS BONTEMPO: A chance to be on next year's cheering squad.
CARLO IMELIO: A Charles Atlas course.
PATRICIA MODZELEWSKI: Some of Ann Tate's dignity.
CONRAD PHILLIPS: Agawam's dead-end kid.
DORIS GRANT: The title of "Miss Freckles of 1954."
MATTHEW SULBORSKI: An "intelligent" look.
ELIZABETH GRECO: Another year to uphold the name of Greco at A. H. S.
ROBERT LIGHT: Richard Miller's secret on how to be heard.
MARIE STEEVES: A Welcome Mat.
JOHN BELTRANDI: We'd like to inform you that you're 5' 2" not 6' 2".
FRANCES RADWILOWICZ: Personality plus.
JONATHAN ANDERSON: Some of Lucille Ferrarini's pep.
MARY HAWKINS: Another Tri-Hi-Y Halloween party.
CHARLES MITCHELL: Another girl to wear your Peanut Bowl jacket.
BERTA RUBINO: A nerve sedative.
RAYMOND FAVREAU: Some girlfriends to go with your rings.
ROBERT SIGRIST: A cowbell so Rosie will know you're around.
JUDITH HYLAND: A legal holiday so you, Dolores, and Millie don't have to skip school.
JOAN DeMARS: Courage with the opposite sex.
ROLAND BANVILLE: The title of "Mighty Mouse" on the 1954 football team.
SHIRLEY HARRISON: Some vitamin pills.
DONALD MARSIAN: Another chance with Martha.
NANCY RICHARDSON: A date with H. P.
RICHARD PISANO: A reserved seat at Riverside.
CAROL PALLO: A chance to become *the* Carol.
ELLIOT BLACKBURN: The lead in next year's operetta.
VIRGINIA DWYER: A friend to take Beverly's place after she graduates.
PATRICK LOSITO: A chance to show Mr. Kistner your basketball ability.
MARY POND: The honor of being the "best all-around girl."
SUSAN YEAKEL: A debut at Carnegie Hall.
JOHN CARDONE: A special appointment with Dorothy Dix.
JANET DULONG: Best wishes in your future as an airline hostess.
CLYDE LIGHT: You've got so much more than Tyrone, why fight it?
BARBARA & BETTY PICARD: Labels so we can tell who's who.
PHILIP SEYMOUR: Another chance to take violin lessons.
SANDRA ZERRA: A chance to carry out your plans of becoming a nurse.
BARBARA CHENEY: A scholarship to the U. of M.
SHIRLEY LAURITSEN: Our choice as the F. F. A.'s yearly project.
JOAN PROVOST: A marriage license to go with your diploma.
RALPH D'AMATO: More girls to add to your fan club.
SANDRA CHANNEL: A microphone so you can be heard.
ROBERT CLAMPIT: A chance to show your ability on the football team.
DOLORES GIORDANO and MILDRED POHNER: Another year to giggle together.
RICHARD JABRY: A lounge-chair to rest in during football practice.
SANDRA KELLEY: Suspenders to hold up your socks.
JULIE MERCIER: The lead in "Romeo and Juliet."
JAMES O'KEEFE: By popular vote, Captain of the Romeo squad.
JUDY PETERSON: Lessons from Jeff—Skiing, that is!
PHILLIP CARDONE: The title of "Duke" to go with the "Duchess."
RICHARD & ROBERT CHASE: A co-managership in the local A&P.
SHIRLEY MUTTI: A chance to show your talents on the accordion.
RAYMOND SARACINO: A D.A. to go with your suede shoes.
CAROL FLYNN: Someone to help you make up your mind.
DONALD KING: A date with Elaine Jones.

FRANK MORUZZI: A contract with Joe Chitwood's Hell-Drivers.
UMBERT GOVONI: A chance to succeed Benny Goodman.
SANDRA SJOSTROM: Some of the senior girls' excess talk.
ROLAND MERCADANTE: A deferment from the army so you can finish high school.
FRANCES WILLARD: A steady boyfriend.
DOLORES LUCCARDI: A compromise with Joan DeMars.
DONALD MULLANEY: A pair of spurs and a horse to go with them.
BETTY VOISLOW: Another year to watch T.V. with Chick.
ROGER LeCLERC: Our choice as "Class Gentleman."
MARILYN WILSON: A secluded parking spot.
THERESA WRIGHT: A twin sister so both the Chase twins will have a date.
MARJORIE MAGOVERN: A chance to take over your father's business.
JEAN MAULE: A date with Robert Moulthrop.
DANIEL MOLTA: Our hopes that you will excel in football as you did in basketball.
LOURDES DUMOND: A bear-trap to get a good hold on "Rollie."
ROBERT KING: "Curlers."
THERESA MORASSI: A pair of elevated shoes.
RHODA DICKINSON: Someone to argue with after Janet's gone.
ELAINE JONES: A year to lose your "drawl."
DAVID KUNASEK: A one-way ticket to all points South.
PAUL MONTAGNA: A year's supply of pegged pants.
VAUGHAN KELLEY: Our hopes for many curtain calls in your future on the stage.
ELIZABETH LANGLOIS: Another year to lead the band.
ROBERT MITCHELL: Handcuffs so that you and Morello can't be separated.
ALICE MUELLER: Sugar and spice.
HAROLD NOWILL: Some talent to go with your height.
WILLIAM MORELLO: A butch hair-cut.
LOUISE SPAGNUOLO and JOYCE SULLIVAN: An introduction to all your classmates.
LOIS LINBLAD: Our choice as the Louella Parsons of Agawam High.
BARBARA KIESSLING: A partnership with Shirley Lauritsen.
WILLIAM RHODES: An office in the F.F.A.
JOSEPHINE ZABINI: An expert driving license including trucks, tractors, and cars.
ELLSWORTH SHARPE: A column of your own entitled "What the Well-Dressed Student Should Wear."
MARLENE THOMPSON: A cook book of your own.
JANE SODEN: A rifle to catch your dear.
ROBERT SLATE: A "B" in Algebra.
KAY PARENT: Esther D's secret on "how to grow tall."
ALFRED GLADDING: A paved parking lot.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the Class of 1953, do hereby affix our seal on this eighteenth day of June in the year of our Lord nineeteen hundred and fifty-three.

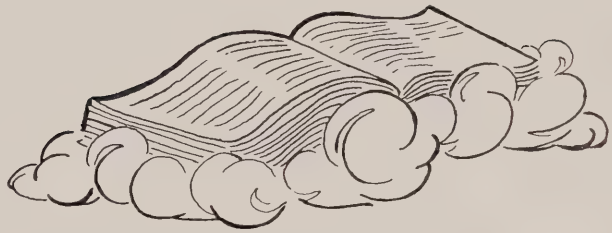
JANET WILLARD
CARL PALLO
MARIAN HESS
IRVING SENESAC
JOHN MORASSI
CATHERINE CREAN

SOPHOMORE CLASS

OFFICERS

President:	Donald Hastings	*Secretary:*	Alice Arnold
Vice President:	Avalon Safford	*Treasurer:*	Craig McEwan

History



THE SCENE—A class reunion at the old Agawam High School in the year of 1963. Some of the boys have slipped out of the reunion and are talking over the old times while leaning against a radiator in the upstairs corridor. Bob August, Don Stahle, and Dick Hall are now speaking.

Bob: Say it's been a long time since we graduated from good old Agawam High

Dick: It surely has. Remember when we first entered the hallowed halls as Freshmen?

Don: Do I! We all felt "pretty small" when we looked at those distinguished upperclassmen.

Bob: Remember our first class meeting? Mr. Hall was our advisor and we elected Dick Hall as our president.

Don: Yes, Dick was our president for all four years, and a darn good one, too.

Dick: Oh, cut it out, you guys, you know that we had a few other officers, too.

Don: Why, that year we had Dot Stuart for our vice-president, Marian Hess for our treasurer, and Lucille Ferrarini for our secretary. We certainly had "quite the class."

Bob: And what a freshman party we had! I think it was called the "Freshman Frolic." It was the first event we planned and executed ourselves. Were we proud when the bulletin came around congratulating us on the party!

Dick: It certainly was a thrill, but there were plenty more things to come. When we entered school the next year as sophomores, we certainly felt like "big wheels" even though we had the privilege of being the third class in line to hold our class meeting. No more "small-time stuff" for us.

Don: Yes, remember, Marian Hess became vice-president, Lucille Ferrarini was our secretary and Al McEwan served as treasurer.

Bob: That was the year we moved from rooms 6, 12, and 26 and got our permanent rooms, 19, 20, and 21. We also had six lively cheerleaders from our class that year—Loisann Johnson, Marian Hess, Cynthia Hoye, Ann-Sybil Oberheim, Bev. Pfersick, and Jean Squazza.

Dick: And do you remember "St. Pat's Shindig," our sophomore party? Cynthia Hoye, our general chairman, was in the hospital and a group of us crashed the hospital at 10:00 P.M. Joe Sliech and Anita Imelio, chosen the King and Queen, had the privilege of leading the first dance.

Bob: Hey, what about our junior year? Remember how proud we were when we heard that our team was to play in the Peanut Bowl in Columbus, Ga., against Richmond Academy? Susie Draghetti was elected our queen, and we thought she was the most beautiful girl in the parade at Georgia! Bob Couture had the honor of being chosen the "Most Valuable Player of the Peanut Bowl." That year we kept the same officers and worked together on the Junior Cabaret, "The Sea Waltz." Remember Clem Hobbs and Irene Boissonault dancing to the tune of "By the Sea?" Before the embers of memory had died, we were working on the Prom. I can still see the looks on the boys' faces when they saw the receiving line, and I can even remember the theme—Cinderella. The decorations were really something. Susie Draghetti did a superb job on them, just as she did for all the other class functions.

Don: And then the last event of the year, the Senior Reception. We were quite solemn as we realized that next year *we* would be the honored guests. Dick, you and Kate Crean were the Junior Marshals.

Dick: Yes, our senior year was something. We had a slight change of officers again and we were on our way. Didn't Dan Barufaldi take over the loveless job of collecting dues?

Don: He did, and Cynthia Hoye was elected as our vice-president.

Dick: And we had another set of peppy cheerleaders from our class—I think they were: Polly Placido, Gerry White, Lucille Ferrarini, Susie Draghetti, Shirley Ferrarini, and Kate Crean.

Bob: The Kid Party was the first event of the year. Remember the cute costumes we wore, and the fun we had playing all those children's games and getting our presents from Santa Claus? Jim "Santa Claus" Fogg and his committee really should be commended for planning the party.

Dick: We had fun all the time. We had to have class hats to distinguish us from the rest of the students.

Don: How about our senior play, "Turn Back the Clock"? Oh, those 1928 costumes! And couldn't we Charleston? Betty Schoolcraft, Bob Couture, and Dick Hall were the stars, and Mrs. Nardi did an efficient job of directing it.

Dick: Don't forget we had worries that year, what with the year book, caps and gowns, and planning for our class banquet.

Bob: But they all turned out all right.

Don: And then came graduation, and we were both proud and sad to think that we were leaving good old Agawam High.

Dick: But we could always remember that with the help of Miss Durkan, our class advisor, we would leave Agawam with the knowledge that we had done our bit to keep up its traditions.

Bob: Well, we had better get back to the reunion or our wives will be wondering where we are.

Don: It's surely been fun recalling all the good times we had together. Let's do it again some time.

Bob & Dick: That we will!

Robert Hardina
Margaret Snow
Dorothy Stuart

FRESHMAN CLASS

OFFICERS

President:	Earl Freniere	*Secretary*:	Joyce Mercadante
Vice President:	Betty Ann Cote	*Treasurer*:	David Monaghan

Gifts

JEFFERY ATWATER *Dictionary*
A new expression you'll find in this book,
So open it up and have a look.

RICHARD AUGUST *Boxing Gloves*
A pair of gloves to help you spar;
We doubt if they'll get you very far.

ROBERT AUGUST *A Speedometer*
At this speedometer we hope you'll look,
So your name won't go down "in the book."

HENRY BALDARELLI *Hot-rod Muffler*
Now listen to us and please take heed,
Add this to your car and do a good deed.

JOAN BARBIERI *Pass to N. Y.*
We know you like this city so much,
We hope this pass will keep you in touch.

DANIEL BARUFALDI *Pass to Arthur Murray Studio*
We know you want to learn the jive,
We hope this pass will keep your nights alive.

BEVERLY BEAUCHENE *Paintbrush*
Because in art you did excel,
We give you this paintbrush; use it well.

MARCIA BINNENKADE *Apron*
When you set up housekeeping very soon,
We think this apron will serve as a boon.

IRENE BOISSONAULT *Roller Skates*
These skates to whirl around the floor,
We hope you'll use forever more.

BARBARA BORGATTI *Stilts*
Stilts to help you be a little tall,
So you won't look so very small.

DANIEL BRAYTON *Spelling Book*
This spelling book of immense knowledge,
Will help you enter your favorite college.

JOYCE BRISSETTE *Cook Book*
We hope you'll like this little book,
A recipe it'll give at one quick look.

RICHARD BRISSETTE *Score Card*
This score card we give to you so,
You can keep track of the points you throw.

ROBERT BRUNO *Leash*
A use for this leash you'll certainly find;
To hold that girl you'll be leaving behind.

LILLIAN BRUSSEAU *Bottle of Glue*
To lose your twin would never do;
So "stick together" with this glue.

LUCILLE BRUSSEAU *White House*
The White House is empty without Margaret's voice,
So move right in and we'll all rejoice.

RAYMOND CARESTIA *Bells*
These bells will help you make a sound,
So we will know when you're around.

RAYMOND CASELLA *Ladder*
To reach those high notes this ladder would be handy;
We love your voice and think it's dandy.

DAVID CASIELLO *Aspirin*
For those headaches you have each day,
Here's an aspirin to drive them away.

JAMES CHENEY *Address Book*
In this address book you'll easily find
The names of those you'll be leaving behind.

SOPHIE CHMAEL *Box of Popcorn*
This popcorn which we got from Loews
Will help keep you on your toes.

ELLEN CLAUS *Kitten*
This kitten will put a gleam in your eye;
Although it'll cause you many a sigh.

ROBERT COUTURE *Adhesive Tape*
Here's a roll of tape for you,
To keep you looking like brand new.

CATHERINE CREAN *A Mirror*
We give this mirror to you,
So you can enjoy those dimples, too.

JOYCE DALIMONT *Suitcase*
The modern teacher is not an old maid,
So pack your things and don't be afraid.

ADELINE DICARLO *Pencils*
To help you with all your stencils,
We give you this box of pencils.

ESTHER DIDOMENICANTONIO *Gymsuit*
A gymsuit you'll need; in fact even two;
Here is one which we think will do.

BRUCE DODD *Stationery*
For not writing you'll have no excuse,
With this stationery for your personal use.

MARLYN DRAGHETTI *Box of Crayons*
This box of crayons that you have here,
We hope will help in your career.

Barbara Drzyzga *Chair*
This chair will be useful as you will see;
Use it in place of the boss's knee.

Lucille Ferrarini *Witty Remark*
A witty remark to add to your collection;
We hope it will steer you in the right direction.

Shirley Ferrarini *Bicycle*
A bicycle can carry only two;
A lot of arguments it'll save for you.

Catherine Ferrero *Buttons and Bows*
In buttons and bows you'll look so sweet;
Just like candy, you're a treat.

Richard Fitzgerald *Gold Star*
A regular fellow is what you are;
So we think you really deserve this star.

James Fogg *Pad*
A pad to take down all your notes,
And help you on all those famous quotes.

Merilyn Frisbie *Roller Skates*
Polish these skates every day,
They'll do you proud on the rollerway.

Richard Frisbie *Class Hat*
Here's the hat you wouldn't buy,
Because you thought the price too high.

Nicholas Funtos *Billiard Ball*
When you're aiming with a cue,
This billiard ball will certainly do.

Joyce Gazar *Patience*
Although patience is an abstract noun,
It'll help keep your temper down.

Charles Granger *Tractor*
Here's a tractor for you to steer;
It'll certainly help out in your future career.

Jean Gravel *Lip Stick*
This lipstick we give you we know is a pip;
Just make sure it stays on your own two lips.

Richard Hall *Nomination*
Since you're president of our class, we do foretell
That as the first Agawam president, you'll do quite well.

Robert Hardina *Test Tube*
This little test tube will help you mold
All the theories that you hold.

Fred Harkins *Car*
Because the bus you have to take,
We give you this car for you and your date.

Eileen Haseltine *A Baton*
A baton we give this cute little girl,
And hope she'll give it a great big twirl.

Jean Hebert *Can of Peas*
A can of peas to stock on the shelf
Of the grocery store you'll own by yourself.

John Hess *Tools*
Mechanically minded we know you are;
We hope these tools will help you go far.

Marian Hess *Horn*
A horn for you to start a riot;
Because everyone knows you're so quiet.

Clement Hobbs *Side-car*
You know, of course, what this is for,
To seat those girls that you adore.

Cynthia Hoye *Airplane*
For a quick trip out to the coast,
Here's a plane of which you can boast.

Anita Imelio *Autograph Book*
In years to come you'll laugh with glee;
At these autographs from the class of '53.

Joan Jasmin *Private Telephone*
We give you this private telephone,
To talk with your mother when you're not home.

Loisann Johnson *Set of Rings*
We know you've already received his wings,
And will gladly accept this set of rings.

Edward Kelley *Tintair*
To help keep the color of your hair,
We give you this bottle of tintair.

Neil Lawson *Stamp*
We hope this stamp will be approved
After you lick it and the glue is removed.

John Liptak *Can of Jet Fuel*
A few drops of this is what you need,
To provide some energy and some speed.

Geraldine Longey *Comb*
A comb to use, as you do without fail,
To help you catch that certain male.

Mary Lynch *Blue Hair Ribbons*
Little ribbons of delicate hue,
To match those eyes so big and blue.

Donald Lynde *Can of Oil*
When with that car you tinker and toil,
Remember it was we who gave you the oil.

Alan McEwan *Picture of Betty*
This picture of your one and only
We hope will keep you from getting lonely.

Rosemary McMahon *Chalk*
In teaching, a piece of chalk you'll need;
To put across your knowledge with speed.

Lois Merwin *Steady Date*
To you we give a steady date,
And hope he'll end up as your mate.

Richard Miller *Book of Future Careers*
You have no plans for the future to be,
So you'll need this book to help you see.

Barbara Milliken *Metropolitan Opera House Pass*
Since you're the greatest singer of our class,
We give you this Metropolitan Opera House pass.

John Morassi *Clock*
This clock to keep her father from waiting,
When you're out with your girl dating.

Robert Moulthrop *Excuse*
It's time you got a new excuse
To replace the others stale from use.

LOUIS MULDREW *Bobby Pins*
These bobby pins will bring many sighs,
By keeping the hair out of your eyes.

MAUREEN MURPHY *Cash*
Some extra cash to spend at college
When you go to gather knowledge.

ANN OBERHEIM *Whistle*
Blow this whistle and make some sound,
So everyone will know the librarian is around.

CARL PALLO *A pair of Fins*
We know you're able to swim like a duck;
We hope you'll accept these as a token of luck.

ROSEMARIE PEDULLA *Stenography Notebook Pad*
For work in the office this pad will be fine;
Just jot down the notes you take over the line.

GAIL PEESO *Grocery Store*
To start you and Bob off in life,
And make you a rich and prosperous wife.

BEVERLY PFERSICK *Daily Bulletin*
To keep you informed on the latest event,
This daily bulletin we proudly present.

PAULINE PLACIDO *Organ*
To an organ you always rush with glee,
We hope this gift will bring joy to thee.

LEO POLANZAK *Gum*
This stick of gum, which we have bought,
We hope you'll chew—but don't get caught.

BARBARA PUFFER *Skating Skirt*
A skating skirt for you to wear,
In case the others you should tear.

RICHARD RAINBOTH *Wig*
To solve your worry about extra hair,
Here's a wig to save wear and tear.

BETTY SCHOOLCRAFT *A Looking Glass*
This looking glass to help you see
What God has made you to be.

ANNE SCOTT *Sailor Doll*
This sailor doll to sea can't go,
Although it happened to your beau.

IRVING SENESAC *A Red Roadster*
This little roadster of fiery red,
To match the curls upon your head.

JANET SHIELDS *Pass to Yale*
Here you'll find gobs and gobs of guys,
Either short, tall or medium in size.

GERALDINE SIMPSON *A Cottage*
A little cottage so cute and rosy,
We hope you and hubby will find it cozy.

JOSEPH SLIECH *Crystal Ball*
Look into the future and you will see,
The greatest little baseball player of 53.

STEVEN SLIECH *Curler*
A curler for you to whirl,
And keep that great big golden curl.

MARGARET SNOW *Nurse's Cap*
You'll be admired by everyone,
When your nurse's cap you've won.

DONALD STAHLE *Toothbrush*
Here's a brush to help keep that smile,
Which we hope you'll have for a long, long while.

BARBARA STATKUN *Life Preserver*
This life preserver we give to thee,
To make you friendly with the deep blue sea.

DOROTHY STUART *A Dog*
We know you want to be a vet;
Here's a dog you've never met.

RICHARD SULLIVAN *Gun*
If into the service you decide to go,
This gun will be handy in fighting the foe.

ANN TATE *Book of Knowledge*
Take this book; it'll never lie,
And it'll help you achieve those goals so high.

THEODORE TWAROG *A Horse*
Here's a horse to pull your plow,
In hopes that he will teach you how.

BRUCE TYLER *Life-Saver*
No S.O.S. you'll need to send,
If you let this life-saver be your friend.

JOHN WALKER *Carrot*
We gave you this to match your hair,
But to make you eat it wouldn't be fair.

BEVERLY WHITE *Box of Wheaties*
Because you've been sick so very long,
We give you these wheaties to make you strong.

GERALDINE WHITE *Candy Cigarettes*
Candy cigarettes for you to chew,
Although we know they won't quite do.

JANET WILLARD *Ruler*
A ruler to enforce teacher's looks,
And make the kids study their books.

BARBARA BORGATTI
JOYCE DALIMONT
MAUREEN MURPHY
DONALD STAHLE
JOSEPH SLIECH

Prophecy

INSIDE THE PEARLY GATES

(Bruce Tyler, one of the last remaining survivors of the Class of '53, finally got around to kicking the bucket. His last words were "Life gets tedious, don't it?" Dr. Deke Stahle performed the autopsy, assisted by Nurse Margaret Snow. Services were rendered by Reverend Theodore Twarog, and Bruce's body was laid to rest by August Brothers, morticians. Their motto is "August coffins, they are fine, made of satin, brass, or pine; if your friends should pass away, let them go the August way." His spirit is now slo-owly approaching the Pearly Gates. As he nears the gate he sees Jeff Atwater diligently polishing the pearls.)

"Tyler! Where's your pass?" derisively cries a familiar voice from the gate door.

"Dan Brayton! What are you doing here?"

"I was given the gate to watch."

Knowing all too well the loquaciousness of Dan Brayton, I dashed by him and ran into the Celestial Ski Patrol, led by Ex-Olympic Ski Champ, Neil "No-Knees" Lawson. As I was helped from the air by Alan McEwan and Betty Schoolcraft, authors of the book, "Cheaper by the Dozen and a Half," I couldn't help but think how this book might have helped the spinsters Kate Crean and Janet Shields, not to mention the elusive bachelors Richard Rainboth and Leo Polanzak, who were always escaping in Dick's "big" car. In the group I noticed Susie Draghetti and Dick Hall, the famous man and wife skiing team.

The celestial music halted abruptly and Lois Merwin's voice (well-known to all radio listeners, as she's on the air twenty-four hours a day) echoed forth. "Bruce Tyler, are you-all coming up to the equipment headquarters?"

"Taxi, bud?" bellowed a voice from an orange and black monstrosity which sidled up to the curb.

"I'm looking for equipment headquarters, cabby. Why, it's Dan Barufaldi! The last I heard, you were selling Packards in Agawam for Ed Kelly."

"Hop in."

And off we went in a cloud of smoke.

"Dan, have you seen any of the old gang up here?"

"Well, Clem Hobbs and Henry Baldarelli were the first arrivals. Clem coasted in on the motorcycle which he had wrapped around a tree, and Honey Baldarelli flew in on one of his test rocket flights. Bob Hardina blew himself sky-high, boiling test tubes at Monsanto."

Suddenly Dan was cut short by a thunderous wheeze escaping from under the hood. I could see voluminous clouds of steam rising all about me, and for a moment I thought Dan had taken me "down under." My meditations were interrupted by Bob Couture, fireman extraordinary, who had been summoned by Dave Casiello, English professor, who happened to see the accident.

After ruefully surveying the damage, I ran to a nearby phone to try to procure a mechanic. The telephone operator was none other than Eileen Haseltine, who connected me immediately with the Funtos, Lynde, and Muldrew Auto Body Works.

Since I was in the vicinity of headquarters, I started walking down the main drag. Just then a flash of color caught my eye. It was one of those straight skirt creations of Shirl Ferrarini, still trying to put the flare out of business, and worn by school marm Joyce Dalimont. On a billboard advertising the local hotspot, Friendly's, a familiar face loomed before me. It belonged to Red Senesac, the Gene Krupa of the Celestial Circuit, whose aggregation was being featured there. Illustrious members mentioned included that well-known crooner Ray Carestia; Cyn Hoye, character dancer; Irene Boissonault, jazz singer; and Lillian and Lucille Brusseau, the singing sisters. On the way I passed Joan Jasmin's Jewelry Outlet and stopped for a moment to window-shop.

Upon entering headquarters, I met Gerry Longey, secretary to the director of equipment headquarters. I walked into the placement office and was warmly greeted by the receptionist, Loisann Johnson. There I found the rest of the office staff, who were in charge of assigning positions to new arrivals.

"Do you have any particular job in mind?" asked Buddy Lynch, statistics secretary. "We've had very good luck placing old grads of A.H.S. In the field of sports we've placed Dick Brissette as a basketball coach; Joe Sliech made the Cherub Bowl with his football team; and Barbara Statkun has made a name for herself in girls' softball. In the medical field, Barbara Borgatti has become our chief brain surgeon; Dot Stuart is working in the animal division as a veterinarian; and Rosemarie Pedulla has become a proven nutrician expert. In the theatrical field, Ann Tate has become the matinee idol of every Howdy Doody fan, with her secretary, Jerry White, taking care of the fan mail. Gail Peeso, a virtuoso in her own right, is currently making headlines with her magic violin. Marcia Binnenkade is kept busy handling her correspondence and arranging her tours around the country."

"Well, I don't know. I thought I'd take it easy for a little while longer before going to work," explained Bruce.

"Before you start taking it easy, you'd better pick up your equipment across the hall."

At the door Adeline DiCarlo took my papers, ushered me over to Dr. "Fris" Frisbie for a thorough physical, and placed me on a moving belt which whisked me into a long, narrow room. At regular intervals assistants were passing out equipment. I was amazed at the complexity of this system of outfitting the new

arrivals. Bev White slapped a pair of wings on my back. Joan Barbieri slipped a halo on my reeling head (some how I just couldn't get used to it.) Anita Imelio placed a harp in my hand and told me that I could get instructions from Maureen Murphy, the harp--ist. I was rapidly approaching the end of the assembly line, where Cathy Ferrero gave the novices their send-off with a cheerly "Bon Voyage."

Before I could learn how to manipulate the landing gears of my newly acquired apparatus, I crashed into the Heaven and Hello, a super-market located on the "border" line. Bob Bruno, Lucky Strike salesman, had no sooner picked me up when his assistant cigarette tester, John Liptak, cornered me with the beginnings of a high-pressured sales talk.

I told them smoking was too strenuous for me and was just about to praise myself for giving them the brush-off, when Pauline Placido, your favorite Bird's Eye saleswoman, grabbed me, saying, "Try some quick-a frozen pizza."

Avoiding her and dashing toward an exit, I was startled by the shrill voice of Jean Hebert, head cashier, crying, "Stop! Thief!" Manager John Walker quickly appeared on the scene and thus avoided a scene by promptly clearing me of the mistaken charge.

"You forgot the soap! You forgot the soap!" excitedly sputtered Esther Didomenicantonio to her husband Johnny Morassi, who was patiently and quietly bearing the load of groceries. Then and there I decided to get out of that place before I went mad.

I strolled into the park across the street to rest my oh-so-weary bones. I was on the verge of peaceful sleep, when—

"Extra! Extra! Read all about it. Bruce Tyler arrives."

"Hey, boy, how about a paper?"

"Yessir, yessir," mumbled Jim Cheney as he handed me a publication of the "Star."

I turned to the classified section in search of a position suiting my disposition. My eye automatically focused on the "good things to eat" column. Tantalizing chickens were described in Ray Casella's poultry ad. Bruce Dodd's Dehydrated Milk Company boasted of the virtues of Milky Way Mild. Sid Granger offered double your money back if his frozen food products did not defrost. I flipped the page to the furniture ads, where Jack Hess seemed to hold a monopoly on custom-made furniture.

Opposite the society page there was a picture taken at the Comet County Teachers Association's annual convention. Dignitaries of particular note were Janet Willard, superintendent of Comet County high schools; Rosemary McMahon, principal of the junior high school; Barbara Milliken, singing instructor in the elementary schools; Marian Hess, the square dancing teacher; and the speaker for the convention, Professor Richard Miller, who gave his theory of Neo-Einsteinism.

On one corner of the society page there was a column edited by Bev Pfersick, giving advice to the lovelorn. I noticed a question sent in by a worried housewife, Jean Gravel. I also noticed an ad concerning Cloudside Park, managed by Barb Drzyzga.

It was getting too dusky to read, so off I went to do the town. But first I decided I had better find a room. I entered the Heavenly Arms Hotel and registered with the manager, Bev Beauchene. At the time she was talking to Steve Sliech of the Rest Your Back Mattress Corporation, who was trying to make a big

sale. She rang for Carl Pallo, captain of the bellboys, to carry my luggage to my room.

In the game room, the pool shark Dick Fitzgerald was engrossed in a game. I inquired directions to the hotel gymnasium, where I found Dick Sullivan taking bets on the next day's parimutual. Big Bob Moulthrop, the renowned physical culturist, was playing a game of hand ball.

The night was still young and besides I was hungry, so I left the hotel to grab some grub. I took a survey of the nearby beaneries. One name rang a bell. I strolled into Harkins' Hashhouse, owned and operated by Fred Harkins. Behind the counter, slinging hash, was Ellen Claus. I was winding my way toward an open table when I was hailed by Gerry Simpson, a housewife from way back.

"Bruce, it's nice to see you again," she said. Joyce Brissette was also seated at the table, bubbling over with news of her newly acquired home and talking with Anne Scott, interior decorator.

I sat down at my table and gave my order to Sophie Chmael, the waitress. The meal was delicious and prompted me to send my compliments to the cook, Merilyn Frisbie.

Back at the hotel lobby I met Barbara Puffer, who was in charge of the registration of all souls behind the Pearly Gates.

"How did you like your first day here?" asked Barbara.

"Well, I found it very interesting and somewhat rushed, and I enjoyed bumping into old friends, but I did miss four members of our class—'Cille Ferrarini, Ann Oberheim, Joyce Gazar, and Jim Fogg."

"Oh, we don't speak of them anymore. They didn't make it!"

James Fogg
Lucille Ferrarini
Ann Oberheim
Joyce Gazar
Daniel Brayton

Sea Waltz

and

Cinderella

Prom

Kid Party

SENIOR PLAY

On April 17, 1953, the Senior Class presented "Turn Back The Clock," a three-act comedy, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothea Nardi. The action was set in 1928. Everyone enjoyed seeing the Seniors "Charleston their way through it."

CAST

Evie Palmer ..... Betty Schoolcraft
Charlie Hill ..... Robert Couture
Johnny Stone ..... Richard Hall
Mrs. Palmer ..... Janet Willard
Mr. Palmer ..... James Fogg
Sally Palmer ..... Lucille Ferrarini
Larry Palmer ..... Robert August
Irene Isherwood ..... Marlyn Draghetti
Maybelle Harrison ..... Lillian Brusseau
Phyllis McSorley ..... Ann Tate
Barbara Bannister ..... Mary Lynch
Ollie Bannister ..... John Morassi
Chubby Bascolm ..... Louis Muldrew
Hilda ..... Margaret Snow

Extras — Shirley Ferrarini, Richard August, Alan McEwan

Key to '53

FIRST CHOICE	TITLE	SECOND CHOICE
James Fogg	*Mr. I. Q.*	Jeffrey Atwater
Lucille Ferrarini	*Miss I. Q.*	Ann Tate
Robert Couture	*Most Popular Boy*	Richard Hall
Lucille Ferrarini	*Most Popular Girl*	Susie Draghetti
Donald Stahle	*Best Dressed Boy*	Richard Hall
Joyce Dalimont	*Best Dressed Girl*	Susie Draghetti
James Fogg	*Best Natured Boy*	Raymond Casella
Cynthia Hoye	*Best Natured Girl*	Janet Willard
Clement Hobbs	*Class Wit (boy)*	James Fogg
Lucille Ferrarini	*Class Wit (girl)*	Lillian Brusseau
Carl Pallo	*Best Actor*	James Fogg
Betty Schoolcraft	*Best Actress*	Ann Tate
Richard Miller	*Quietest Boy*	David Casiello
Marian Hess	*Quietest Girl*	Gail Peeso
John Hess	*Best Boy Dancer*	Richard August
Marian Hess	*Best Girl Dancer*	Lucille Ferrarini Ann Tate
Richard Hall	*Best All Around Boy*	Daniel Barufaldi
Lucille Ferrarini	*Best All Around Girl*	Susie Draghetti
Richard Hall	*Class Brother*	Raymond Casella
Barbara Borgatti	*Class Sister*	Mary Lynch
Daniel Brayton	*Most Mischievous Boy*	Steven Sliech
Pauline Placido	*Most Mischievous Girl*	Shirley Ferrarini
Richard Hall	*Boy Most Likely to Succeed*	James Fogg
Lucille Ferrarini	*Girl Most Likely to Succeed*	Susie Draghetti
Richard Hall	*Boy Who Did Most for the School*	Daniel Barufaldi
Lucille Ferrarini	*Girl Who Did Most for the School*	Janet Willard
Robert Couture	*Best Boy Athlete*	Richard Hall
Barbara Statkun	*Best Girl Athlete*	Marian Hess
Donald Stahle	*Cutest Boy*	Richard Hall
Susie Draghetti	*Cutest Girl*	Pauline Placido
Richard August	*Friendliest Boy*	Raymond Casella James Fogg
Mary Lynch	*Friendliest Girl*	Lucille Ferrarini
Robert Couture John Hess	*Class Flirt (boy)*	Robert August
Janet Shields	*Class Flirt (girl)*	Lois Merwin
Richard Hall	*Class Gentleman*	Daniel Barufaldi
Ann Tate	*Class Lady*	Susie Draghetti
Clement Hobbs	*Best Boy Singer*	Robert Bruno
Barbara Milliken	*Best Girl Singer*	Lucille Brusseau
Richard August	*Class Chatterbox (boy)*	Jean Hebert
Lois Merwin	*Class Chatterbox (girl)*	Pauline Placido
Richard Hall and Susie Draghetti	*Class Couple*	Alan McEwan and Betty Schoolcraft

Class Song

53

1st VERSE: WE THE CLASS OF FIF-TY THREE, AS WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THEE,
2nd VERSE: WE THE CLASS OF FIF-TY THREE, AS WE SAY GOOD BY TO THEE,

WE'LL RE-MEM-BER EV-ERY DAY, ALL THE WORK AND FUN AND PLAY;
WITH A FAITH AND COUR-AGE STRONG, WE NOW START OUR JOUR-NEY LONG.

"FIND A WAY OR MAKE A WAY," THIS OUR MOT-TO BE.
ON-WARD, UP-WARD WE SHALL STRIVE, FOR THE BEST IN LIFE.

NOW WE THANK OUR FA-CUL-TY, FOR THEIR LOY-AL-TY
NOW WITH GRATE-FUL HEARTS WE SIGH, FARE-WELL, AG'-WAM-HIGH

WORDS + MUSIC
BY
BOB HARDINA + JEFF ATWATER

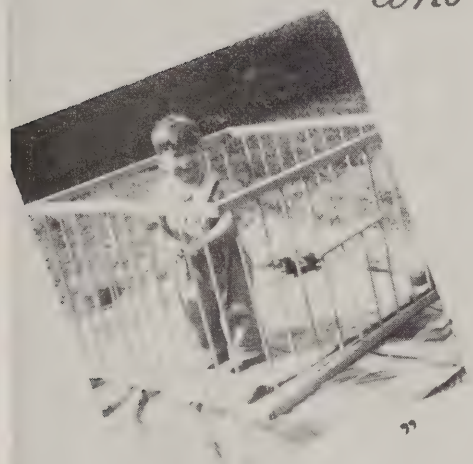
Classmates

Remember When-

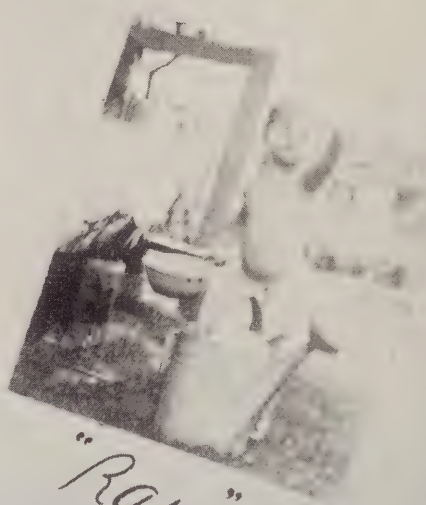
Guess Who

"Susie"

Joan



"Dickie"



"Ray"

Jean + Mary

Jerry

"Murph"

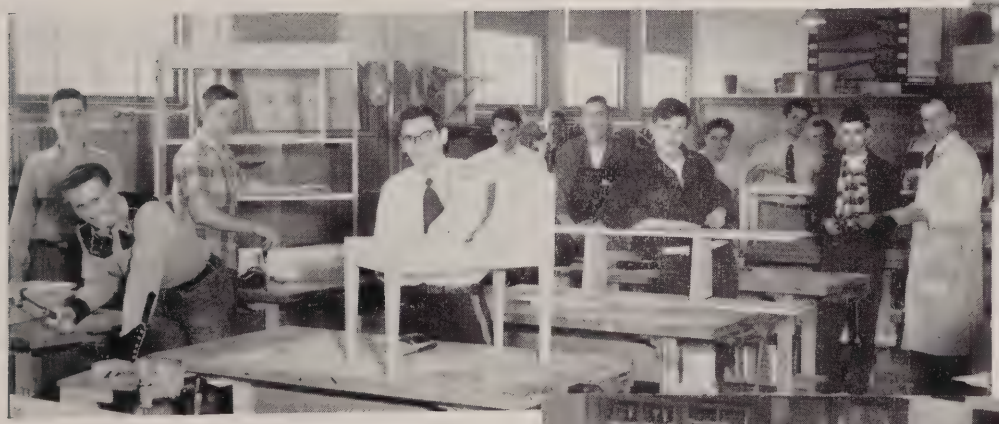
"Barb"

Joan

'Cille

Activities

DRIVER EDUCATION



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THE AGAWAM MIRROR

This year there were eight issues of the *Mirror*. This was made possible by loyal workers who sold subscriptions, home-made fudge, stationery, and advertising space.

During the year members of the staff attended meetings of the Western Massachusetts League of School Publications to learn more about journalism and to discuss, with other students, the problems confronted in the editing of a school newspaper or yearbook.

Besides the usual monthly news and regular columns, the *Mirror* had roving reporters take a poll called "Question of the Month"; introduced a new column entitled "Agawam Indian Says," which gave helpful advice; exchanged newspapers with other schools and printed interesting articles from them; and conducted a survey to find out what students like most about Agawam High School and their suggestions for improving it.

This year the *Mirror,* for the first time, sponsored a short-story contest to inspire original writings by talented students and awarded prizes to the winners. Along with the enlargement, another "first" was initiated with the introduction of an edition containing pictures. Tentative plans are now being made to reorganize the make-up of the *Mirror*.

Editor ..... Lucille Ferrarini
Assistant Editor ..... Theresa Morassi
Advisor ..... Miss Marion Holton

Senior Members: Richard August, Daniel Barufaldi, Robert Couture, Catherine Crean, Joyce Dalimont, Adeline DiCarlo, Esther Didomenicantonio, Marlyn Draghetti, Lucille Ferrarini, Shirley Ferrarini, James Fogg, Joyce Gazar, Marian Hess, Cynthia Hoye, Joan Jasmin, Neil Lawson, Lois Merwin, Beverly Pfersick, Pauline Placido, Ann Tate, Theodore Twarog, Geraldine White, Janet Willard.

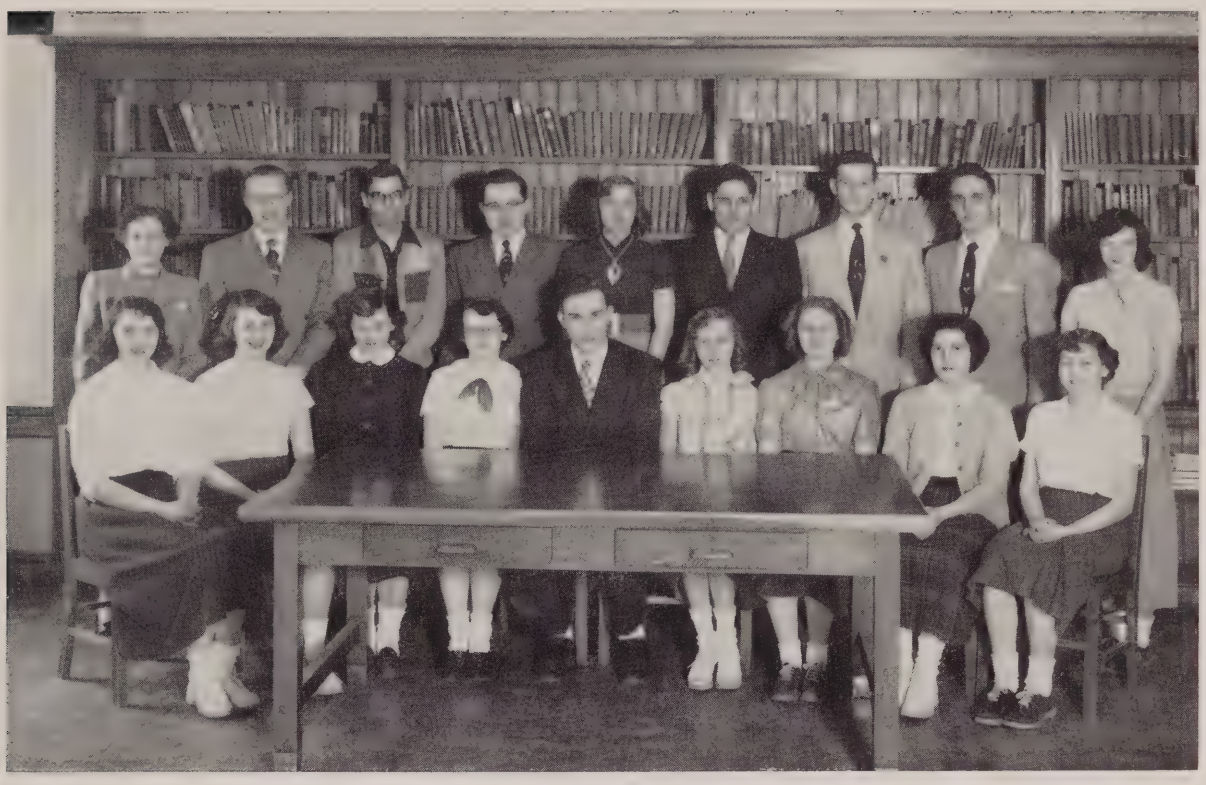
STUDENT COUNCIL

Once again the members of the Student Council have served Agawam High School to the best of their ability. Not only have they continued to organize the annual magazine drive and amateur show but, this year, they sponsored a very successful "Sock and Sweater" dance, which proved to be quite popular with the faculty as well as the students.

The main purpose of the council is to serve as a link between the faculty, administration, and student body.

President ..... Daniel Barufaldi
Vice-President ..... Barbara Borgatti
Secretary ..... Julie Mercier
Treasurer ..... James O'Keefe
Advisor ..... Mr. Wayne Holmes

Senior Members: Daniel Barufaldi, Barbara Borgatti, Lucille Ferrarini, Richard Fitzgerald, Jean Gravel, Richard Hall, John Morassi, Carl Pallo, Leo Polanzak, Dorothy Stuart.



PRO MERITO

The Pro Merito Society, this year, can well be proud, for it has the largest number of members that Agawam High School has ever produced. These students must maintain an average of eighty-five per cent during their high school career in order to attain membership in the state organization and receive a certificate at graduation.

Eighteen members of the Class of 1953 were awarded Pro Merito pins at an assembly in February. Dr. Clarence Chatto, principal of Classical High School, was guest speaker.

President ..... Robert Hardina
Secretary ..... Barbara Borgatti
Advisor ..... Miss Eleanor Smith

Members: Jeffery Atwater, Daniel Barufaldi, Barbara Borgatti, David Casiello, Ellen Claus, Joyce Dalimont, Lucille Ferrarini, James Fogg, Richard Hall, Robert Hardina, Marian Hess, Carl Pallo, Beverly Pfersick, Betty Schoolcraft, Dorothy Stuart, Ann Tate, Geraldine White, Janet Willard.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve" — that is the motto which the Future Farmers of America follow. We are proud to have such a fine organization in our school.

For these boys it is not all work and no play. This year they organized a very fine band, which won the support of the school and made many public appearances. The band was not the only new idea instituted this year. At the annual square dance, Eileen Haseltine was honored as "Sweetheart of the Agawam Chapter." Eileen, a member of the senior class, served as secretary to Mr. Skolnick for the past year.

Other activities and projects which these boys undertook besides managing their farms and animals were the annual parent and son banquet, the speaking contest, and cattle and poultry judging at the University of Massachusetts.

President ..... Gary Hinshaw
Vice-President ..... James Reardon
Secretary ..... William Rhodes
Treasurer ..... Peter Hallock
Sentinel ..... Charles Granger
Reporter ..... Frank Moruzzi
Faculty Advisor ..... Mr. David Skolnick

Senior Members: Bruce Dodd, Charles Granger.

BIOLOGY CLUB

This has been the second year of this newly-organized club. Each member of the club must have taken a course in biology and have shown an interest in it.

This organization gives the student an opportunity to further his knowledge in the field of biology which appeals to him most, and gives him an opportunity to get better acquainted with people who have the same interests.

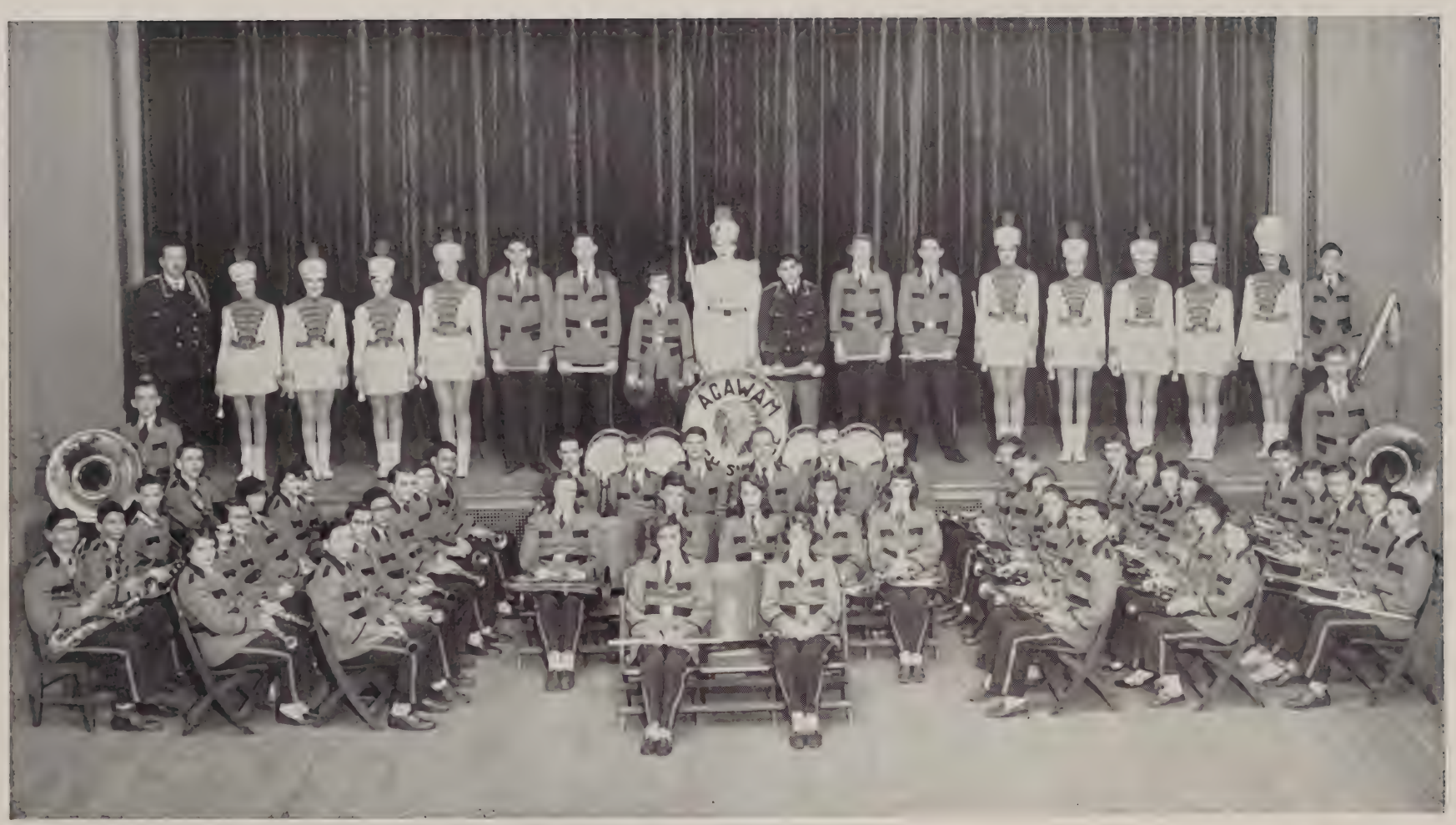
The members of the club were divided into five groups, each consisting of six members. Each group chose a special project about which they prepared experiments and speeches to be given at one of the meetings.

Among these special projects one was devoted to microscope work. Another was a bio-chemistry meeting which showed the value of certain foods. The botany committee planned a trip to the Flower Show at the Eastern States Exposition. Also there were movies shown to the members concerning many types of insects. And last, but not least, the dissecting of a cat helped the students get acquainted with the internal organs of a mammal.

The club finished this year with a greater knowledge of biology, which will be beneficial in later years.

President ..... James Fogg
Vice-President ..... Barbara Borgatti
Secretary ..... Joyce Gazar
Treasurer ..... Betty Schoolcraft
Advisor ..... Mr. Paul Langlois

Senior Members: Jeffery Atwater, Daniel Barufaldi, Barbara Borgatti, Daniel Brayton, Ellen Claus, Barbara Drzyzga, Catherine Ferrero, James Fogg, Joyce Gazar, Mary Lynch, Rosemary McMahon, Maureen Murphy, Betty Schoolcraft, Barbara Statkun, Dorothy Stuart, Theodore Twarog, Janet Willard.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND MAJORETTES

HOWARD CROTTY, *Director*

Senior Band Members: Jeffery Atwater, David Casiello, Robert Hardina, Alan McEwan, Rosemary McMahon, Irving Senesac, Margaret Snow.

Senior Majorettes: Eileen Haseltine.

"CROCODILE ISLAND"

Senior Members: Jeffery Atwater, Joan Barbieri, Barbara Borgatti, Lillian Brusseau, Lucille Brusseau, Raymond Casella, Ellen Claus, Catherine Crean, Catherine Ferrero, Richard Frisbie, Joyce Gazar, Jean Gravel, Marian Hess, Clement Hobbs, Joan Jasmin, Geraldine Longey, Mary Lynch, Lois Merwin, Rosemary McMahon, Barbara Milliken, Ann Oberheim, Rosemarie Pedulla, Pauline Placido, Anne Scott, Geraldine Simpson, Margaret Snow, Theodore Twarog, Geraldine White, Janet Willard.

Director: Miss Mary Hayes.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

This year, as in the past, the International Relations Club had another successful year. Under the very capable leadership of Miss Ward, their advisor, they planned some extraordinary meetings, having speakers from various places of interest, both home and abroad. One particular speaker came from South Africa; others, from China, Germany, and various states in our country.

A fun-packed picnic was planned, to bring to a close their interesting and educational program.

President ..... Raymond Casella
Vice-President ..... Jeffery Atwater
Secretary ..... Ann Tate
Treasurer ..... Richard Fitzgerald
Advisor ..... Miss Marjorie Ward

Senior Members: Jeffery Atwater, Beverly Beauchene, Daniel Barufaldi, Raymond Casella, James Fogg, Richard Fitzgerald, Dorothy Stuart, Ann Tate, Theodore Twarog.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross, under the leadership of Miss Emily McCormick, enjoyed its second year of active work for local and international causes.

One of the activities which the club successfully undertook was the filling of Red Cross gift boxes for the needy. The soldiers at Westover Air Force Base were entertained by several of the club members who donated their time and talent. The artistic members of the group undertook the decorating of the auditorium at Leeds Hospital in Northampton for the dances given in honor of the patients.

President ..... Ann-Sybil Oberheim
Vice-President ..... Loisann Johnson
Advisor ..... Miss Emily McCormick

Senior Members: Robert Couture, Esther Didomenicantonio, Joan Jasmin, Loisann Johnson, Ann-Sybil Oberheim, Janet Shields.

TRI-HI-Y

Our Tri-Hi-Y is one of the oldest and best-organized clubs in the school. Under the fine leadership of Miss Miller, the girls have displayed their purpose "to create, maintain, and extend throughout school, home and community, high standards of Christian living."

This year they had the traditional events that go with Tri-Hi-Y, among which were the covered-dish supper, the Halloween Party, the Christmas Party, and the popular Older Girl's Conference, which this year was held at Waverly, Rhode Island.

The girls brought their pleasant moments of the 52-53 season to an end with a very fine Mother-Daughter Banquet, at which new members and officers were installed, and they look forward to an even larger and more active group next year.

President ..... Lucille Ferrarini
Vice-President ..... Janet Willard
Secretary ..... Barbara Borgatti
Treasurer ..... Barbara Statkun
Chaplain ..... Barbara Drzyzga
Advisor ..... Miss Eleanor Miller

PERSONALITY CLUB

Under the leadership of Mrs. Sears, this club had a very well-planned program. The annual Sadie Hawkins Dance and the Valentine Dance were both successful. This year's meetings included speakers from Hawaii, China, and a local dance studio. One speaker from within the club, whom we shall never forget, was Miss Slipscovich (played by Ted Twarog).

Senior Members: Jeffery Atwater, Joan Barbieri, Daniel Barufaldi, Beverly Beauchene, Marcia Binnenkade, Irene Boissonault, Barbara Borgatti, Joyce Esther Didomenicantonio, Barbara Drzyzga, Lucille Ferrarini, Shirley Ferrarini, Catherine Ferrero, Joyce Gazar, Jean Gravel, Eileen Haseltine, Marian Hess, Cynthia Hoye, Joan Jasmin, Neil Lawson, Geraldine Longey, Mary Lynch, Alan McEwan, Rosemary McMahon, Lois Merwin, Maureen Murphy, Ann-Sybil Oberheim, Rosemarie Pedulla, Beverly Pfersick, Pauline Placido, Betty Schoolcraft, Janet Shields, Geraldine Simpson, Margaret Snow, Barbara Statkun, Dorothy Stuart, Ann Tate, Theodore Twarog, Geraldine White, Janet Willard.

President ..... Marlyn Draghetti
Vice President ..... Barbara Borgatti
Secretary ..... Donaldine Roos
Treasurer ..... Daniel Barufaldi
Advisor ..... Mrs. Marie Sears

BENJAMIN PHELPS CLUB

The Benjamin Phelps Club of Future Teachers of America is affiliated with the National Educational Association. The purpose of this club is to develop interest in teaching as a profession and is open to all students in the junior and senior classes.

President ..... Nancy Hallock
Vice-President ..... Ann Zucco
Secretary ..... Mary Pond
Treasurer ..... Nancy Richardson
Librarian ..... Judith Peterson
Sponsor ..... Miss Eleanor Miller

LIBRARY

Since our school library was started in 1947, it has shown rapid development. Each year it has greatly increased the number of books until it now has well over three thousand books. There are books for enjoyment, reference material of all types, and popular magazines such as *Life, Newsweek, Seventeen* and *Time.* A bulletin board keeps you posted on the new books that come into "your" library.

Head Librarian ..... Ann-Sybil Oberheim
Assistant Librarian ..... Daniel Barufaldi
Advisor ..... Mrs. Dorothea Nardi

Senior Members: Daniel Barufaldi, Barbara Borgatti, Robert Bruno, Richard Hall, Ann-Sybil Oberheim, Rosemary McMahon, Betty Schoolcraft, Margaret Snow, Ann Tate.

CAMERA CLUB

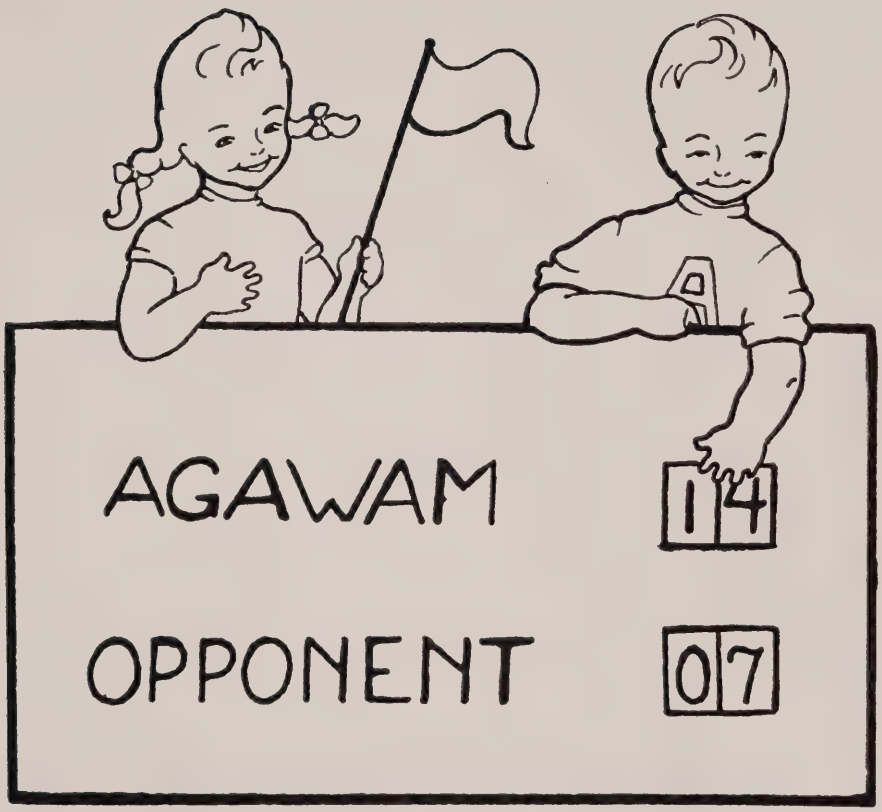
This year the Camera Club has had a very interesting year. Its membership has increased by fifty per cent. Many challenging projects have been carried out under the capable direction of Richard August, who has been president for the past two years.

New members have learned the correct technique of developing film. This should prove to be a great help to the members in the future, either as a vocation or as an avocation. Enthusiastic members entered the National Photo Contest, sponsored by the Eastman Kodak Camera Company.

President ..... Richard August
Vice-President ..... Frances Willard
Secretary ..... Dorothy Stuart
Treasurer ..... Richard Fitzgerald
Advisor ..... Mr. Joseph Freme

Senior Members: Richard August, Jeffery Atwater, Daniel Barufaldi, Daniel Brayton, Robert Couture, Catherine Crean, Richard Fitzgerald, James Fogg, Robert Hardina, Jean Hebert, Neil Lawson, Alan McEwan, Rosemary McMahon, Richard Rainboth, Donald Stahle, Dorothy Stuart, Bruce Tyler, Janet Willard.

Sports



Kneeling: Sliech, Saracino, Banville, Robert Mercadante, T. O'Keefe, Roland Mercadante, L. Mercadante.

Second Row: Coach Smith, J. O'Keefe, Stahle, Hall, *Couture, *Barufaldi, Hobbs, August, Asst. Coach Leonardi.

Third Row: Kunasek, Mitchell, Clampit, Krygowski, LeClerc, P. Cardone, J. Cardone, Molta.

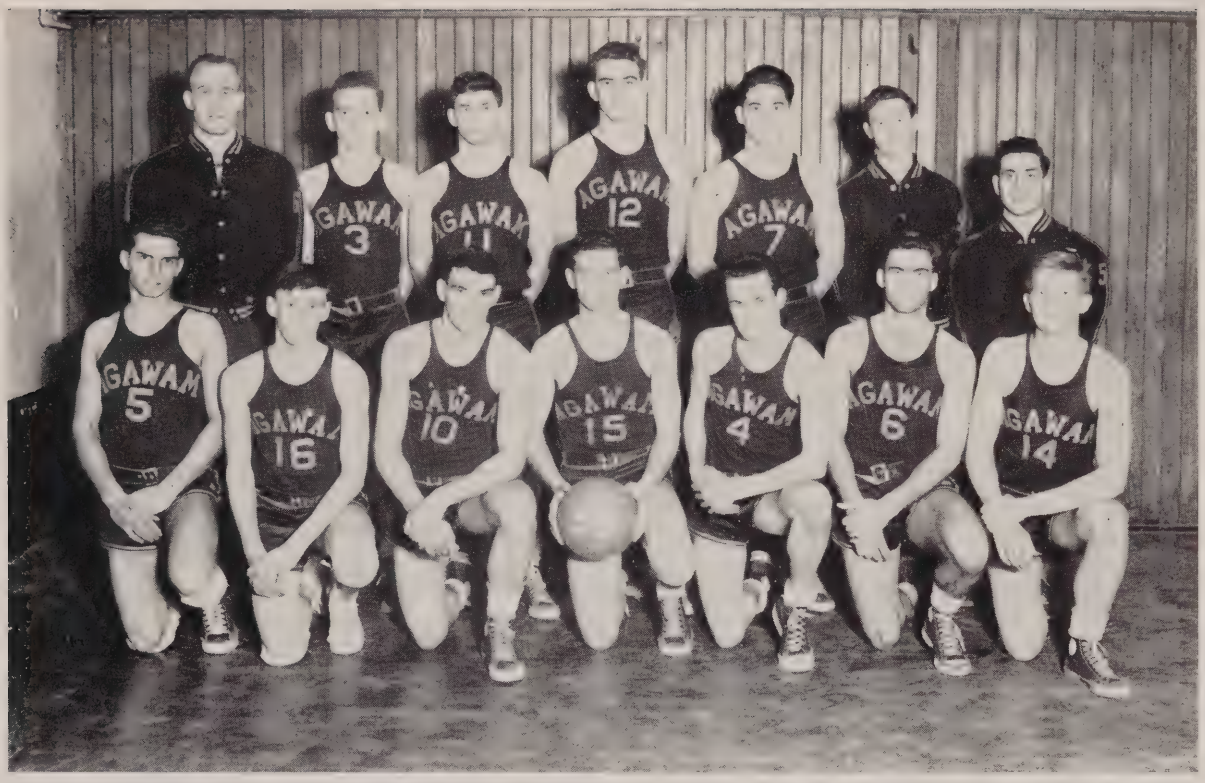
* Co-Captains.

FOOTBALL

As the whistle blew, the Brownies were out on the field, fighting to the last crack of the gun. Even though they got off to a slow start this season, after injuries and inexperience, they showed that they could play good ball once they got rolling. Their impressive 47-0 victory over Worcester Classical is an example of this. A lot of credit goes to the boys who kept up their courage despite some close losses.

Co-captains Bob Couture and Dan Barufaldi with their spirit and courage bolstered the morale of our team throughout the season. The accurate passing of Dick Hall and the superb blocking of the linemen were also assets to the great team that we had. Even though the boys didn't come out on top in the lineup of teams, they still rate high in the minds of the fans of Agawam High School.

Senior Members: Co-captains—Daniel Barufaldi, Robert Couture; Richard August, Richard Hall, Clement Hobbs, John Morassi, Joseph Sliech, and Donald Stahle.



Kneeling: Bruno, Polanzak, Couture, Captain Hall, Brissette, O'Keefe, August.
Standing: Coach Kistner, Cheney, Cardone, Anderson, LeClerc, Managers Senesac and Morassi.

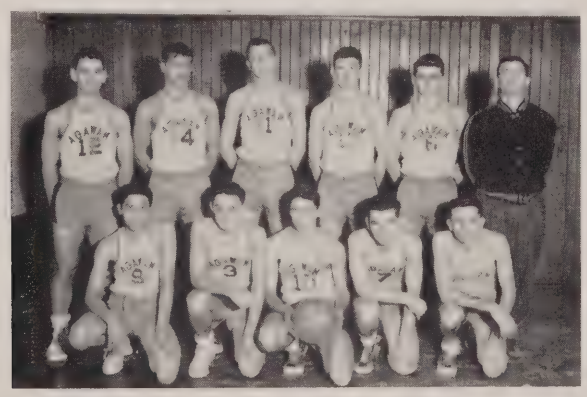
BASKETBALL TEAM

The basketball team this year truly had one of its outstanding years. Coach Kistner did his best with the team. Talented ball handling was displayed by Dick Brissette and Bob Couture throughout the season.

This year, also, our team was very fortunate in being invited to the Western Massachusetts Small School Basketball Tournament at the University of Massachusetts. In our first tournament game, Captain Dick Hall led the quintet to a 63-42 decision over highly-rated Arms Academy. In our second game, we were not up to our usual par, thanks to the measles epidemic, and lost the decision despite the excellent ball handling of Bob Bruno, the phenomenal shooting of Jimmy Cheney and the undaunted spirit of Bob August. But even though our boys didn't come through with a perfect season, we can be sure that they played to the best of their ability and made a great showing of sportsmanship.

Our team's final record of this season was 13 wins and 7 defeats.

Seniors: Richard Hall, Captain; Robert August; Richard Brissette; Robert Bruno; James Cheney; Robert Couture; Leo Polanzak; Irving Senesac and John Morassi, Managers.



Kneeling: Frenier, McEwan, Hastings, Mercadante, Losito.
Standing: O'Keefe, Cardone, Krygowski, Mitchell, Molta, Coach Carbone.

First row: Mercadante, August, Brissette, Fitzgerald, Couture, O'Keefe, Stahle, Captain Sliech. *Second row*: Pallo, McEwan, Marsian, Muldrew, Lawson, Hall, Cardone, Coach Freme. *Third row*: Girotti, Morretti, Prew.

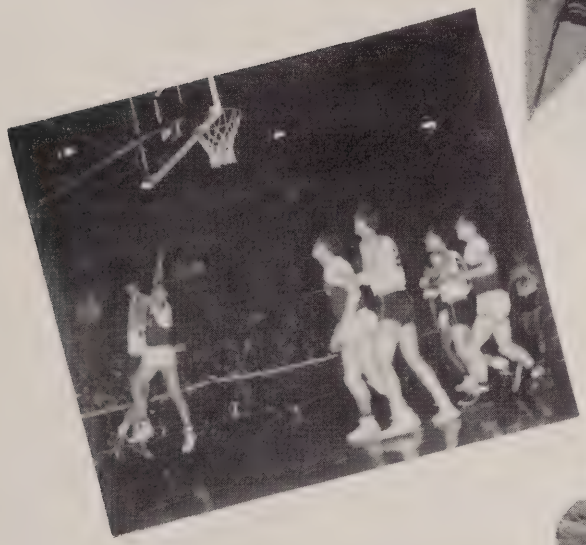
BASEBALL

"Play ball!" called the umpire as the Brownies ran out on the field; Couture was behind the plate, taking all that the great hurler Kunasek could throw. At first base we had LeClerc; second, Saracino; third, Brissette; and at shortstop, Captain Sliech. Then in the outfield we had O'Keefe, Cardone, and Hall, all capable of handling a big bat.

After getting off to a slow start, Agawam roared back to unseat South Hadley, the Valley Wheel leaders, by a 7-0 defeat.

Under the able coaching of Mr. Freme the team worked hard and came up with a good ball club.

Senior Members: Joe Sliech, Robert August, Richard Brissette, Robert Couture, Richard Hall, Richard Fitzgerald, Neil Lawson, Louis Muldrew, Carl Pallo, Donald Stahle.



Our

Heroes

Seated: A. Oberheim, E. Didomenicantonio, J. Brissette, E. Haseltine, C. Ferrero, B. Drzyzga, E. Claus, M. Lynch, A. DiCarlo. *Standing*: G. Longey, R. Pedulla, M. Murphy, B. Pfersick, Miss Hastings, Coach; J. Jasmin, M. Hess, B. Statkun, R. McMahon, J. Barbieri.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Convinced that skill in sports effects a pleasurable avocation in later years, Miss Hastings spent many after-school hours encouraging the Agawam girls to participate in active and enjoyable extracurricular activities. The girls not only learned the rules of each game but developed a sportsmanlike attitude, thus inspiring every girl before she graduated to share in the friendship and fun that can be found in all sports.

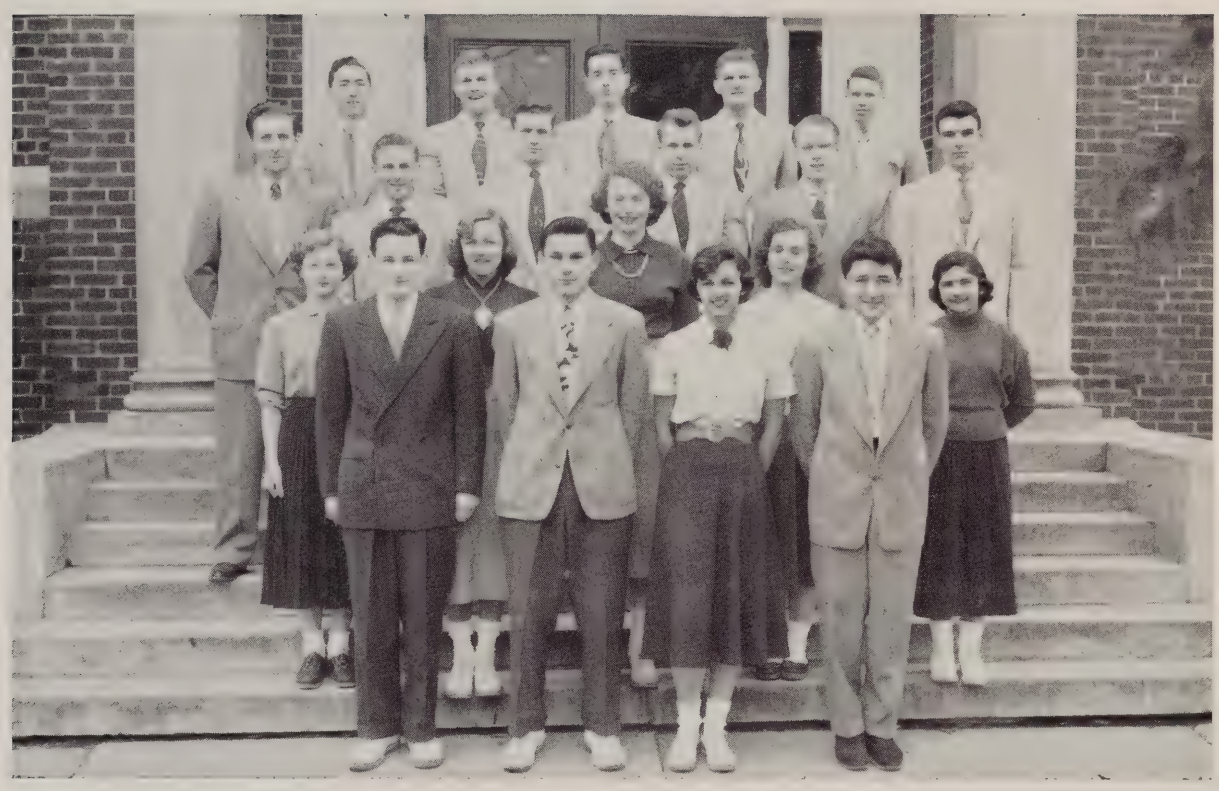
GOLF CLUB

Seated: N. Funtos, J. Gazar, E. Claus, M. Lynch, J. Willard, J. Hebert, B. Statkun, President; B. Drzyzga, Secretary-Treasurer; C. Ferrero, E. Didomenicantonio, J. Fogg.
Standing: D. Lynde, R. Pedulla, J. Barbieri, L. Muldrew, Miss Hastings, Advisor; M. Hess, R. Fitzgerald, M. Murphy, B. White, N. Lawson.

CHEERLEADERS

Left to Right: L. Ferrarini, C. Crean, G. White, M. Draghetti, S. Ferrarini, P. Placido.

Kneeling: L. Johnson, B. Pfersick, M. Hess.
Standing: J. Squazza, A. Oberheim, C. Hoye.



SKI CLUB

The Ski Club is not a new organization in our school. However, this year the club was re-organized under the leadership of Mr. Gammie. The club took frequent trips to places such as Big Bromley, Dutch Hill, and Bousquets.

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Donny Lynde

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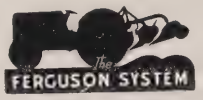

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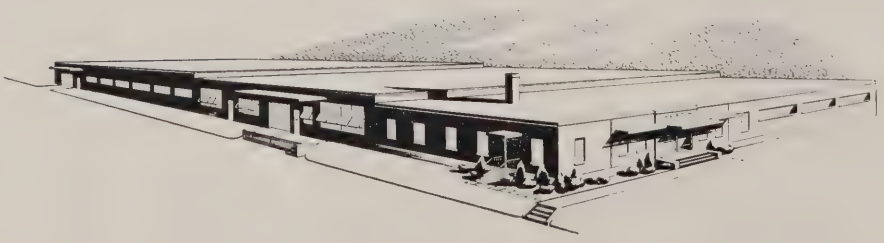

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